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Date: August 26, 2022

Administrative Circular: 2022:35

ATTN: Medical Health Officers and Branch Offices
Public Health Nursing Administrators and Assistant Administrators
Holders of Communicable Disease Control Manuals

**Re: Update to Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 2: Immunization,
Part 4 – Biological Products & Appendix E – Management of Biologicals**

Part 4 – Biological Products

COVID-19 Vaccines

COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility

- The eligibility table has been updated to include the booster dose for individuals 5-11 years of age.

Please remove page numbers: 1-3 dated July 22, 2022
Please add new page numbers: 1-3 dated August 26, 2022

COVID-19 Vaccine COMIRNATY® (Pfizer-BioNTech) Pediatric (Orange Vial Cap)

- **Doses and Schedule:** The dose and schedule for the booster dose has been added.
- **Booster Doses:** The previous content stating that booster doses are not recommended has been revised to indicate that a booster dose is recommended at least 6 months after the primary series has been completed for individuals 5-11 years of age.

Please remove page numbers: 1-5 dated July 29, 2022
Please add new page numbers: 1-5 dated August 26, 2022

Monkeypox Vaccine

Smallpox and Monkeypox Vaccine (Live attenuated, non-replicating): IMVAMUNE®

- **Administration:** Storage and Handling has been updated as follows:
 - Content indicating that the vaccine will be shipped to health authorities at +2°C to +8°C refrigerator conditions for immediate use has been removed.

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- Content has been added to indicate that the vaccine may be shipped at -80°C on dry ice and that these shipments must be handled by staff trained in management of dry ice.
- The expiry date information for vaccine stored at -25°C to -15°C has been revised to indicate that any time used for transport of the vaccine at -20°C is cumulative and needs to be subtracted from the allowable storage time at -25°C to -15°C.

Please remove page numbers: 1-4 dated August 8, 2022
Please add new page numbers: 1-4 dated August 26, 2022

The [Monkeypox Vaccine Client Information Sheet](#) has been updated to indicate that the vaccine is given as one dose, however people who are moderately to severely immunocompromised should get 2 doses, 4 weeks apart.

Appendix E – Management of Biologicals

Guidance for Receiving and Handling the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine (including dry ice procedures)

- The heading on page 3 for the Orange Vial Cap and Label Border has been revised to “(for those 5-11 years of age inclusive)”.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Stephanie Meier, Senior Practice Leader, BCCDC (telephone: 604-707-2577 / email: stephanie.meier@bccdc.ca).

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