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Date: July 13, 2023

Administrative Circular: 2023:20

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**

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COVID-19 Vaccines

COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine COMIRNATY® (Pfizer-BioNTech) 5-11 Years of Age

A minor revision under BOOSTER DOSES has been made to align with the COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility page.

Please remove page numbers: 1-5 dated June 2023
Please add new page numbers: 1-5 dated July 2023

COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine COMIRNATY® Bivalent (Pfizer-BioNTech) Adult/Adolescent

- Content under INDICATIONS has been revised as this vaccine is now approved for use in the primary series by Health Canada. The associated footnote indicating informed consent should include a discussion that the vaccine had not yet been approved for use in the primary series has been removed.
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- Content under BOOSTER DOSES has been revised to indicate that a bivalent COVID-19 mRNA vaccine is recommended 6 months after the primary series.

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COVID-19 Vaccine SPIKEVAX™ (Moderna) 6 months – 5 Years of Age

Content under BOOSTER DOSES has been clarified to include the booster dose recommendation for individuals 5 years of age and older.

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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).

Sincerely,



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