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

Re: Revisions to the Interim Guidance: Public Health Management of cases and contacts associated with novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in the community

Please replace the following section from the Communicable Disease Control Chapter 1: Communicable Disease Control: Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) - Interim Guidelines (June 10, 2021) with the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) - Interim Guidelines (July 16, 2021)

The main changes are:

1. the reduction of quarantine duration from 14 days to 10 days for close contacts, but continuation of self-monitoring for 14 days (Tables 3 and 4)
2. the elimination of quarantine requirement for close contacts with prior history of infection and one dose of vaccine, and (Table 3), and
3. the addition of a link to WHO-approved vaccines; this link is also available here: http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID-19_vaccine/WHO-EUA-qualified-covid-vaccines.pdf

These guidelines are posted at: [Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Interim Guidelines \(July 16, 2021\)](#)

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at mayank.singal@bccdc.ca

Sincerely,



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