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Date: June 3, 2021

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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 BNT162b2 (Pfizer)

The product page has been revised as follows:

- **Doses and Schedules:**
 - Footnote E has been added indicating that mRNA vaccine can be offered as a second dose to individuals who received a first dose of the AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD vaccine, unless contraindicated.

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Please add new page numbers: 1-5 dated June 3, 2021

COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine mRNA-1273 (Moderna)

The product page has been revised as follows:

- **Doses and Schedules:**
 - Footnote F has been added indicating that mRNA vaccine can be offered as a second dose to individuals who received a first dose of the AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD vaccine, unless contraindicated.

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COVID-19 Vaccine (ChAdOx1-S [recombinant]) (AstraZeneca/Verity Pharmaceuticals)

The product page has been revised as follows:

- **Indications:**
 - Indications have been revised to indicate that the vaccines may be given to individuals 18 years of age and older for dose 2. This age indication has been revised from 30 years as some individuals between 18-30 years of age received a ChAdOx1-S vaccine as dose 1. Further information in Footnote A indicates that these vaccines are no longer being offered as a first dose, unless there is a contraindication to an mRNA vaccine or as advised by the Medical Health Officer or an allergist.
- **Doses and Schedules:**
 - Footnote D has been revised to indicate that those who received a first dose of the AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD vaccine may receive either AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD vaccine or an mRNA vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna) for their second dose, unless contraindicated.
- **Adverse Events:**
 - The statement indicating that most cases of Thrombosis with Thrombocytopenia Syndrome (TTS) have occurred in women under 55 years of age has been removed.

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COVID-19 Vaccine (Ad26.COV2.S [recombinant]) (Janssen Inc.)

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- **Adverse Events:**
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Please note the additional resources that have been posted to the BCCDC website:

- **BCCDC Health Care Professional Q&A - Second dose considerations for those who received AstraZeneca or COVISHIELD for first dose COVID-19 immunization**

This is a new resource developed to provide information on the June 1st NACI second

dose considerations for individuals who have received AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD vaccine as a first dose. This resource can be found on the [COVID-19 Vaccination Toolkit for Health Professionals webpage](#).

- **COVID-19 Vaccination - Second dose vaccine choice for people who received AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD**

This is a new public-facing resource to support AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD first dose recipients to make an informed decision regarding their second dose of COVID-19 vaccine. This resource will be translated into several different languages and can be found on the [Vaccine registration and eligibility](#) webpage.

- **BCCDC COVID-19 Guidance Document on the Management of Inadvertent Vaccine Errors**

This is a new resource, adapted from the Public Health Agency of Canada, to assist healthcare providers to manage COVID-19 vaccines that are administered in a matter that differs from the recommendations within the BC Immunization Manual. This resource can be found on the [COVID-19 Vaccination Toolkit for Health Professionals webpage](#).

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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