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Date: January 20, 2023

Administrative Circular: 2023:02

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

Content has been added for the Moderna Bivalent (Original/Omicron BA.4/5) COVID-19 mRNA vaccine under Fall 2022 Booster Dose. [NACI](#) indicates there is currently no evidence to suggest any meaningful difference in protection between different bivalent booster vaccines targeting BA.1 versus BA.4/5.

Please remove page numbers: 1-3 dated January 2023
Please add new page numbers: 1-3 dated January 20, 2023

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

- **ADMINISTRATION:** Footnote B on page 2 has been revised to indicate that the vaccine may be used for up to 18 months from the date of manufacture when stored at -90°C to -60°C. Hyperlink to Pfizer Information About Expiry Dates resource will be added once updated.
- **PRECAUTIONS:** Footnote A on page 4 has been revised to indicate Novavax COVID-19 vaccine may be offered if age-eligible.

Please remove page numbers: 1-6 dated December 9, 2022
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COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine COMIRNATY® (Pfizer-BioNTech) 5-11 years of age

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COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine COMIRNATY® (Pfizer-BioNTech) 6 months to 4 years of age

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

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COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine SPIKEVAX™ (Moderna) 6 Years of Age and Older

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COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine SPIKEVAX Bivalent™ (Moderna) Original/Omicron

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COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine SPIKEVAX Bivalent™ (Moderna) Original/Omicron BA.4/5

- A new product page has been developed for Spikevax Bivalent™ (Moderna) Original/Omicron BA.4/5.
- This product has a Royal Blue Vial Cap and a Gray Label Border.

Please add new page numbers: 1-4 dated January 2023

Please also remove the Title Page and Table of Contents for Part 4 – Biological Products dated January 2023, and replace with the enclosed updated Title Page and Table of Contents dated January 20, 2023.

Appendix E – Management of Biologicals

Guidance for Receiving and Handling the Moderna COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine

Content under 'Thaw each vial before use' has been updated to include the Moderna Bivalent Original/Omicron BA.4/5 COVID-19 mRNA vaccine preparation.

Please remove page numbers: 1-4 dated October 11, 2022

Please add new page numbers: 1-4 dated January 2023

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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