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Date: May 13, 2022

Administrative Circular: 2022:19

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 Vaccine COMIRNATY® (Pfizer-BioNTech) (Adult/Adolescent)

- **Doses and Schedule:**

A footnote has been added to indicate clients requesting a shorter interval between doses should be informed that this is not optimal for protection, but their request for an earlier dose should be granted, without need for MHO approval, provided the minimum interval between doses has been observed. This applies to doses in their primary series, between primary series and first booster dose and between booster doses.

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COVID-19 Vaccine SPIKEVAX™ (Moderna)

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COVID-19 Vaccine VAXZEVRIA™/COVISHIELD (AstraZeneca/Verity Pharmaceuticals)

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

- **Booster Doses:**

Footnote A has been revised to indicate that while a second dose of COVID-19 mRNA vaccine is recommended at least 6 months after the first booster dose, clients requesting a shorter interval should be informed that this is not optimal for protection, but their request for an earlier dose should be granted, without need for MHO approval, provided the minimum interval between booster doses has been observed.

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COVID-19 Vaccine Nuvaxovid™ (Novavax)

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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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