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Administrative Circular: 2023:32

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 Eligibility

An additional footnote has been added “for those 12 years of age and older who are unwilling or unable to receive a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine, the Novavax COVID-19 XBB.1.5 vaccine may be provided.”

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**COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine COMIRNATY® Omicron XBB.1.5 (Pfizer-BioNTech) 5-11
Years of Age**

An additional footnote has been added to indicate “children who initiated COVID-19 vaccination at 4 years of age and turn 5 years of age prior to completion of primary series (i.e., 1 or 2 dose(s)) should receive 1 dose of COVID-19 mRNA vaccine at least 8 weeks after their last dose.”

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COVID-19 Vaccine Nuvaxovid™ XBB.1.5 (Novavax)

A new product page has been added for this vaccine. This product is approved for use in those 12 years of age and older.

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Please also remove the Title Page and Table of Contents for Part 4 – Biological Products dated November 2023 and replace with the enclosed updated Title Page and Table of Contents dated December 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).

Sincerely,



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