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**Administrative Circular: 2023:12**

**ATTN:** Medical Health Officers and Branch Offices  
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Holders of Communicable Disease Control Manuals

**Re: Update to Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 2: Immunization,  
Part 4 – Biological Products**

## **Part 4 – Biological Products**

### **COVID-19 Vaccines**

#### **COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility**

The following revisions have been made:

- Two Moderna COVID-19 mRNA vaccines have been removed from product options within the eligibility table as they are no longer available in Canada:
  - Moderna monovalent COVID-19 mRNA vaccine for individuals 6 years of age and older
  - Moderna bivalent COVID-19 mRNA vaccine Original/Omicron
- The following footnote has been added to page 1 “*The monovalent Moderna COVID-19 mRNA vaccine for 6 years of age and older is no longer supplied in Canada as of April 2023. An 8-week interval between doses in the primary series was recommended for this product, with a minimum interval of 21 days.*”
- All preferential recommendations between mRNA vaccines within the primary series for those 5 years of age and older have been removed as the Moderna product is no longer available.
- Under BOOSTER DOSE section, ‘Moderna Bivalent (Original/Omicron BA.4/5)’ has been replaced with ‘Moderna Bivalent’ as there is now only one Moderna Bivalent vaccine.

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Please add new page numbers: 1-3 dated May 2023**

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

Preferential recommendation for Moderna COVID-19 vaccine for those who are moderately to severely immunosuppressed has been removed from DOSES AND SCHEDULE as this vaccine is no longer available.

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**COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine COMIRNATY® (Pfizer-BioNTech) 5-11 years of age**

Consideration for the use of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine for those who are moderately to severely immunosuppressed has been removed from DOSES AND SCHEDULE as this vaccine is no longer available.

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

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**COVID-19 Vaccine SPIKEVAX™ (Moderna) 6 months – 5 Years of Age**

The preferential indication for Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for primary series for 5-11 years of age has been removed.

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

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**COVID-19 Vaccine Ad26.COV2.S (recombinant) JCOVDEN™ (Janssen)**

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**COVID-19 Vaccine NUVAXOVID™ (Novavax)**

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**Please also remove the Title Page and Table of Contents for Part 4 – Biological Products dated March 27, 2023 and replace with the enclosed updated Title Page and Table of Contents dated May 2023.**

The [COVID-19 Vaccination Schedule Infographic](#), the [COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine Comparison Table](#) and the [World Health Organization \(WHO\) Emergency Use Authorization \(EUA\) Qualified COVID-19 Vaccines](#) have been revised. These resources can be found on the [COVID-19 vaccination toolkit for health professionals](#).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Stephanie Meier, Senior Practice Leader, BCCDC (telephone: 604-707-2577 / email: [stephanie.meier@bccdc.ca](mailto:stephanie.meier@bccdc.ca)).

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