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Date: July 12, 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 & Part 5 - Adverse Events Following Immunization**

Part 4 – Biological Products

COVID-19 Vaccines

COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine BNT162b2 (Pfizer)

Precautions:

- The recommendation to defer the second dose of mRNA COVID-19 vaccine for those who experience myocarditis or pericarditis following the first dose has been updated to clarify this event as '*physician-diagnosed*' myocarditis or pericarditis. Further guidance has also been added to indicate that deferral is not required for those with a prior history of myocarditis or pericarditis that is unrelated to COVID-19 mRNA vaccines.

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COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine mRNA-1273 (Moderna)

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Part 5: Adverse Events Following Immunization

Information regarding the Canadian Vaccine Injury Support Program has been added in Section 13.

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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).

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