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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 4 – Biological Products**

### **COVID-19 Vaccines**

#### **COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine SPIKEVAX™ (Moderna)**

- **Doses and Schedule:**

The booster dose has been revised to indicate that a full dose (0.5 mL [100 mcg]) should be used for residents of long term care (LTC), assisted living and independent living facilities, alternate level of care clients awaiting placement in LTC, and individuals 70 years of age and older. A half dose (0.25 mL [50 mcg]) should be used for all other eligible individuals recommended to receive a booster dose.

- **Booster Doses:**

For all eligible individuals, the minimum age for which a booster dose is recommended has been revised from '12 years of age and older' to '18 years of age and older'. This includes individuals who will be turning 18 years of age within the current calendar year.

These recommendations align with the [NACI Interim guidance on booster COVID-19 vaccine doses in Canada](#), U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authorization of a 0.25 mL dose for booster dose indications for this product, and is in keeping with US CDC guidance and expected Health Canada authorization.

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#### **COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine COMIRNATY™ (Pfizer-BioNTech)**

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

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**COVID-19 Vaccine (Ad26.COV2.S [recombinant]) (Janssen Inc.)**

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