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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 Program,
Section IIA-Immunization Schedules & Section VII-Biological Products**

Section IIA-Immunization Schedules

2.0 Routine Schedules

- **2.1 Schedule A & 2.2 Schedule B**
Meningococcal C conjugate (Men-C-C) vaccine removed from Grade 6, and meningococcal quadrivalent conjugate (Men-C-ACYW-135) vaccine added to Grade 9.
- **2.3 Schedule C**
Men-C-C scheduling guidelines revised, and Men-C-ACYW-135 added for children born on or after January 1, 2002 and who are in Grade 9 or older. The accompanying Personalized Schedule Worksheet has been revised to include Men-C-ACYW-135.

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3.1 Minimum Intervals Between Vaccine Doses Table

- Meningococcal quadrivalent conjugate vaccines Menveo® and Menactra® added to the table, with associated footnote 'I' relating to the recommended interval between any meningococcal C conjugate vaccine and meningococcal quadrivalent conjugate vaccine being 4 weeks (regardless of which vaccine is given first).
- Footnote 'H' for Men-C-C vaccine revised and content added indicating that NEISVAC-C® is the recommended and supplied product for the primary infant series, however any meningococcal C conjugate vaccine may be used for doses given at 18 months of age or older.

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Section VII-Biological Products

Meningococcal C Conjugate (MCC) Vaccine

- INDICATIONS updated to remove Grade 6 students, and the following eligibility revised to indicate:
 - Children who have not received a dose of Men-C-C vaccine after 12 months of age, and who are younger than Grade 9.
 - Adolescents and adults born prior to January 1, 2002, who have not received a dose of Men-C-C vaccine at 10 years of age or older. (Note: a footnote for this indication includes a maximum age of 24 years to be eligible for the vaccine.)
- ADMINISTRATION updated to remove content related to Menjugate® Liquid, as BC will not be supplying this product.
- SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS revised to indicate that NEISVAC-C® is the recommended and supplied product for the primary infant series, however any meningococcal C conjugate vaccine may be used for doses given at 18 months of age or older. Content related to the Grade 6 Men-C-C program has also been removed.

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Meningococcal Quadrivalent Conjugate Vaccines (Groups A, C, Y, W-135)

- INDICATIONS updated to include 'adolescents born on or after January 1, 2002 and who are in grade 9 or older', with accompanying footnotes for more information. An additional footnote has also been added indicating that for medically high risk individuals, Men-C-ACYW-135 should be given in place of Men-C-C as part of the routine schedule and administered according to age at presentation.
- SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS revisions include:
 - Removal of content indicating that 'these products can be administered to people with a history of Guillain-Barre syndrome (GBS) without concern', as this content is no longer new and information regarding GBS as a contraindication to a particular vaccine can be found in the respective vaccine product pages in Section VII-Biological Products, as well as Section IIB-Contraindications and Precautions for Immunization.
 - Removal of content indicating that 'high risk children less than 10 years of age who have only received one dose of Men-C-ACYW-135 should also receive one dose of Men-C-C vaccine if they have not received a dose of Men-C-C vaccine after 12 months of age'.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Christine Halpert, Senior Practice Leader, BCCDC at telephone (604) 707-2555, fax (604) 707-2515 or by email at christine.halpert@bccdc.ca

Sincerely,



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