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Medical Health Officers and Branch Offices ATTN:

Public Health Nursing Administrators and Assistant Administrators

Holders of Communicable Disease Control Manuals

Guidelines for the Control of Influenza-like Illness (ILI) Outbreaks in Re:

BC Health Care Facilities

Attached are the updated guidelines for the control ILI outbreaks in BC health care facilities. Please note that these guidelines contain recommendations regarding the use of Tamiflu® (oseltamivir) for the treatment and prevention of influenza. Currently the use of this drug for prophylaxis is not covered under Pharmacare. This is under consideration.

Please insert the following pages in the Communicable Disease Control Manual – Chapter III Infection Control:

Guidelines for the Control of ILI Outbreaks in BC Health Care Facilities

Pages 1 - 8

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