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ATTN: Medical Health Officers and Branch Offices

Public Health Nursing Administrators and Assistant Administrators

Holders of Communicable Disease Control Manual

Re: Point of Care HIV Test Guidelines

Please insert the following set of guidelines in Chapter 5 (Sexually Transmitted Infections) of the Communicable Disease Control Manual: "Guidelines for Use of the Point of Care HIV Test Kit: Information for the Health Care Professional in British Columbia".

The information contained in these guidelines will assist the health care professional with implementing the point of care HIV test kits in his/her clinical practice.

A set of counselling guidelines for use with the point of care HIV test kit will be made available shortly.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dr. Mark Gilbert, Physician Epidemiologist, at telephone (604) 660-6149, fax (604) 775-0808 or by email at mark.gilbert@bccdc.ca

Sincerely,

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