



BC Centre for Disease Control
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ATTN: Medical Health Officers and Branch Offices
Public Health Nursing Administrators and Assistant Administrators
Holders of Communicable Disease Control Manuals
Communicable Disease Environmental Health Officers

Re: Revisions to Chapter I Communicable Disease Control “Exclusion of Enteric Cases and their Contacts from High Risk Settings”

Revisions are made to sections 6.0 and 8.3, and Table 1 to include references to Norovirus and non-HAV viral gastroenteritis. Also, the post-symptom exclusion period for people in high risk settings is now “at least 48 hours” to allow for the variation in practice across BC with regard to food handlers.

Further, Table 2 has been modified, along with Explanatory Notes 4 and 6 to remove the requirement for a negative toxin test-for-cure for cases of STEC. The terminology has changed whereby verotoxigenic *E. coli* has changed to Shiga toxin producing *E. coli*. This has been changed throughout the guideline.

Please remove and destroy the following from the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 1 – Communicable Disease Control, Exclusion of Enteric Cases and their Contacts from High Risk Settings:

Pages 1 to 35

Dated Oct 2008

Please insert the following in the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 1 – Communicable Disease Control, Exclusion of Enteric Cases and their Contacts from High Risk Settings:

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