



BC Centre for Disease Control
An agency of the Provincial Health Services Authority

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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: Revisions to the Communicable Disease Control Manual –
Chapter 2, Immunization Program**

**Please note the following corrections to the Administrative Circular 2010:05
for the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 2 – Immunization
Program:**

(1) SECTION IIA: IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULES

**Page 6, 1.4 “Schedule C: Children 7 Years To 17 Years (Inclusive) When
Starting Immunization:”**

- Header revised to read Section IIA

PAGE 17, 4.5 “TUBERCULIN TESTING:”

- Header revised to read Section IIA

(3) SECTION III- IMMUNIZATION OF SPECIAL POPULATIONS

**Page 8, “High doses of oral corticosteroid therapy of more than 14 days
duration:”**

- The dosage for systemic steroids has been corrected to read “ ≥ 2 mg/kg **per day** or ≥ 20 mg daily”

Administrative Circular 2010:06

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(4) SECTION VII – BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS

Page 65, “Tetanus-Diphtheria-acellular Pertussis Vaccine (Tdap) (ADACEL®):”

- Footnote ④ corrected to read “tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis – containing vaccines,” rather than “tetanus and diphtheria/pertussis – containing vaccines.”

Page 81, “Varicella Zoster Vaccine (live attenuated viral) (ZOSTAVAX™):”

- Precaution 3: Do TB skin testing on the same day as VZV immunization, or delay skin testing for ≥ 4 weeks (previously 6 weeks.)

Please remove and destroy the following pages from the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 2 – Immunization Program:

Section II A

Pages 6 & 17 Dated April 2010
(Prior to AC 2010:05, page 6 dated January 2010; page 17 dated January 2009)

Section III

Page 8 Dated April 2010
(Prior to AC 2010:05, page 8 dated July 2009)

Section VII

Pages 65 & 81 Dated April 2010
(Prior to AC 2010:05, pages 65 and 81 dated January 2010)

Please insert the following pages in the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 2 – Immunization Program:

Section II A

Pages 6 & 17 Dated May 2010

Section III

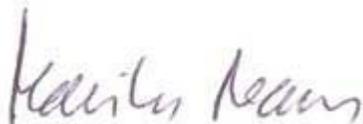
Page 8 Dated May 2010

Section VII

Pages 65 & 81 Dated May 2010

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