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**ATTN:** Medical Health Officers and Branch Offices  
Environmental 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 3 – Infection Control “Gastrointestinal Infection Outbreak  
Guidelines for Healthcare Facilities”**

Please note that the Provincial Infection Control Network (PICNet) GI Outbreak Guidelines for Healthcare Facilities are now available as a new section to Chapter 3 of the Communicable Disease Control Manual. This document replaces the BCCDC Laboratory Services’ “Managing Outbreaks of Gastroenteritis.” It is also available on the PICNet website at <http://www.picnetbc.ca>.

Table of contents for Chapter 3 is updated to reflect this change.

**Please remove and destroy the following pages from the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 3 – Infection Control:**

Table of Contents Dated July 2007

**Managing Outbreaks of Gastroenteritis**

Pages 1 – 59 Dated 2003

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**Please insert the following pages in the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 3 – Infection Control:**

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**Gastrointestinal Infection Outbreak Guidelines for Healthcare Facilities**

Pages 1 – 50

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Sincerely,



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