

Date: April 9, 2013

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 II, Section V,**
Management of Anaphylaxis in a Non-Hospital Setting

Administrative circulars 2013:04 and 2013:05 previously outlined revisions to Section V. For completeness and accuracy we are sending out a new administrative circular 2013:07 that include all the recent revisions and [hyperlinks to the new AEFI forms](#). In addition, we are sending out a revised complete Section V, dated April 2013.

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At the top of page 3, and as per Section 11.0, the “Worksheet for Emergency Treatment of Anaphylaxis” has been deleted and replaced with pointers to the new worksheet and reporting form located at [Enhanced Surveillance and Worksheet for Events Managed as Anaphylaxis Following Immunization](#)

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3.0 SUPERVISION OF VACCINEE POST- IMMUNIZATION

Near the bottom of page 6, there is a new hyperlink: See Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 2, [Section IX: Adverse Events Following Immunization](#)

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8.0 RECORD

The “Worksheet for Emergency Treatment of Anaphylaxis” has been removed and replaced with the: [Enhanced Surveillance and Worksheet for Events Managed as Anaphylaxis Following Immunization](#).

The first paragraph has been reworded:

Administration of epinephrine and diphenhydramine hydrochloride may be recorded on the “Enhanced Surveillance and Worksheet for Events Managed as Anaphylaxis Following Immunization”, and completed for reporting to BCCDC. The worksheet can be found at <http://www.bccdc.ca/dis-cond/CDSurveillanceForms/default.htm> or at [“Enhanced Surveillance and Worksheet for Events Managed as Anaphylaxis Following Immunization”](#) Report the case of

anaphylaxis under the “Adverse Events Tab” (or in Panorama/PARIS). Record the signs and symptoms in the comments field.

[The HLTH 2319 “Report of Adverse Event \(Reaction\) Following Immunization”](#) has a new hyperlink.

The following paragraph has been deleted:

When two or more cases of anaphylaxis occur in association with the same lot of vaccine(s) within a week in a health unit, or when requested to do so by BCCDC, complete “Enhanced Surveillance for Clusters of Suspected Anaphylaxis Following Vaccination” available at <http://www.bccdc.ca/dis-cond/CDSurveillanceForms/default.htm#heading8>.

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11.0 WORKSHEET FOR EMERGENCY TREATMENT OF ANAPHYLAXIS has been deleted and replaced with new contact information and hyperlinks.

11.0 ENHANCED SURVEILLANCE OF SUSPECTED ANAPHYLAXIS FOLLOWING VACCINATION

The form titled: “Enhanced Surveillance and Worksheet for Events Managed as Anaphylaxis Following Immunization” found at <http://www.bccdc.ca/dis-cond/CDSurveillanceForms/default.htm> or at [“Enhanced Surveillance and Worksheet for Events Managed as Anaphylaxis Following Immunization”](#) should be completed by the immunizing health care professional who observed and treated the client for each case of suspected anaphylaxis following administration of vaccine. After filling and printing the form, please submit the form to the appropriate Medical Health Officer (MHO) for review. The MHO or delegate will then submit the completed form to Dr. Monika Naus, Medical Director, Immunization Programs, BC Centre for Disease Control, fax 604 707-2515. ***Please also complete an iPHIS/ Panorama/ PARIS report on this adverse event.*** Updated reports and other supporting documentation can be submitted as information becomes available.

The on-line revised form: “Enhanced Surveillance and Worksheet for Events Managed as Anaphylaxis” is **ONLY** accessible at: <http://www.bccdc.ca/dis-cond/CDSurveillanceForms/default.htm> or at [“Enhanced Surveillance and Worksheet for Events Managed as Anaphylaxis Following Immunization”](#)

There is a new **Table of Contents** to reflect the revisions on pages 13, 14 and 15.

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Revised Page 14 and 15

12.0 REFERENCES

Please remove and destroy **ALL** pages of Section V, Management of Anaphylaxis in a Non-Hospital Setting from the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 2 – Immunization Program

Please replace with the revised Section V, Management of Anaphylaxis in a Non-Hospital Setting in the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 2 – Immunization Program
If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Karen McColgan, Public Health Resource Nurse, at telephone (604) 707-2577, fax (604) 707-2515 or by email at Karen.mccolgan@bccdc.ca

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Monika Naus". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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BC Centre for Disease Control

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Dr. Perry Kendall
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