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Date: December 17, 2013

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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: Update to Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 2 – Immunization Program
Section IA- Introduction, Section IV- Administration of Biological Products
and Section VII- Biological Products: Varicella & Tubersol**

Section IA- Introduction

12.0 IMMUNIZATION SERVICES FOR OUT OF PROVINCE RESIDENTS

12.1 Honoring Immunization Schedules for Canadian Travelers in BC

New section added, to be consistent with the Canadian Immunization Committee's July 2013 Operation Policy statement: Honoring Immunization Schedules for Canadian Travelers within Canada.

12.2 Immunization Services for Travelers from Outside of Canada

New section added, outlining B.C.'s existing policy for these individuals.

Please add new pages numbers: 41-44

Dated: December 2013

Please remove and recycle page number: 41-43

Dated: May 2012

Please remove the Table of Contents for Section IA- Introduction dated May 2012 and replace with the enclosed updated Table of Contents section dated December 2013

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Section IV- Administration of Biological Products

2.4 Vaccination following Vaccine Administration Errors

2.4.1 Vaccine given at Less than the Minimum Interval

Revised wording to allow for re-administration of only the invalid antigens in a combination vaccine after an administration error if only some of the components of a multi-valent vaccine are invalid and a product exists that may be used.

2.4.3 Live Vaccines Given Less than 4 weeks apart

Revised wording to account for use of non-parenteral live-attenuated vaccines.

Please add new page number: 2a

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Please remove the Table of Contents for Section IV- Administration of Biological Products dated June 2012 and replace with the enclosed updated Table of Contents section dated December 2013.

Section VII- Biological Products:

Varicella:

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These pages have been reformatted to reflect the new format for the Biological Product Section.

Substantive changes include:

- Definition of “varicella-susceptible person” updated.
- Information on use of MMRV for routine second dose at 4-6 years of age added.
- Interval between two doses of varicella vaccine updated for those ≤ 12 years of age.
 - 12 weeks between doses is both the recommend interval and the minimum interval for forecasting a second dose. However, if an interval as short as 4 weeks was used the dose does not need to be repeated.
- Removing the birth year 1999 criteria for those with vaccine-derived immunity to qualify for a publicly-funded second dose.
- Removing specific information on special populations and instead directing immunizers to section III- Immunization of Special populations.
- Removing specific information on populations which warrant higher attention to identification of susceptible persons, instead directing immunizers to the CD Manual, Varicella chapter.
- Added information on product reconstitution.
- Added information on relative incidence of adverse events after a second dose of Varicella.

Please add new page number: 78-80

Dated: January 2013

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Dated: December 2013

Tubersol:

These pages have been reformatted to reflect the new format for the Biological Products Section.

Substantive changes include:

- The specification that Aboriginal persons on and off reserve qualify for free TST.
- The inclusion of a definition of Aboriginal person and the statement that self-identification is sufficient.

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Please remove and recycle page number: 70-71

Dated: January 2012

Please remove the Table of Contents for Section VII – Biologicals Products dated November 2013 and replace with the enclosed updated Table of Contents dated December 2013.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Brittany Deeter, Public Health Resource Nurse at telephone (604) 707-2577, fax (604) 707-2515 or by email at brittany.deeter@bccdc.ca

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