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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: Revised Guidelines for the Control of Hepatitis A

Please note the following revisions to the Hepatitis A Control Guidelines:

- **Page 3:** A definition of a hepatitis A outbreak is provided.
- **Page 7:**
 - Deletion of recommendation that persons who have received 1 dose of hepatitis A vaccine at least 1 month prior to exposure do not need hepatitis A vaccine or IG. History of receipt of even one dose of hepatitis A vaccine at any time prior to the exposure eliminates the need for vaccine or IG post-exposure.
 - Only **one dose** of Hepatitis A vaccine is to be provided post-exposure

Please remove and destroy from the Communicable Disease Control Manual:

Hepatitis A Control
Pages 1 to 10

Dated January 2003

Insert the following pages in the Communicable Disease Control Manual:

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The revised Hepatitis A Control Guidelines are posted on the BCCDC website at:
www.bccdc.org

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