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October 27th, 2008

ATTN: Medical Health Officers and Branch Offices
Public Health Nursing Administrators and Assistant Administrators
Holders of Communicable Disease Control Manuals
Communicable Disease Environmental Health Officers

Re: Revisions to Chapter I “Communicable Disease Exclusion of Enteric Cases and their Contacts from High Risk Settings”

The guidance for the exclusion and microbiological clearance of confirmed cases and symptomatic or asymptomatic contacts of confirmed cases of enteric infections due to common causes (e.g. *Salmonella* non-Typhi/Paratyphi, *Campylobacter*, *Giardia*) was clarified. These cases can be managed as per probable cases (Table 1) or at the discretion of the Medical Health Officer.

This was done at the request of the BC Enteric Policy Working Group and after consultation with BC Medical Health Officers, CD Environmental Health Officers and Directors of Health Protection.

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