



BC Centre for Disease Control

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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: Revisions to the Communicable Disease Control Manual

Please note the following changes to the Communicable Disease Control Manual:

- **Creation of a new section to the manual entitled “Introduction”**
- **The “Introduction” has two subsections:**
 - 1.0 Preamble to BC Communicable Disease Control Manual
 - 2.0 Protocol for Guidance about Emerging or Unusual Situations and for Varying from Existing Guidelines

The above two documents were approved by the Communicable Disease Policy Committee.

Subsection 1.0 “Preamble to Communicable Disease Control (CDC) Manual” outlines the following:

- The process for the development and revisions of guidelines in the CDC Manual
- Purpose of CDC guidelines
- Role of Medical Officers in directing CDC activities in Health Authorities

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Subsection 2.0 "Protocol for Guidance about Emerging or Unusual Situations and for Varying from Existing Guidelines" outlines the protocol to be used to assist decision making regarding situations that are newly emerging, situations for which guidelines do not exist, or specific circumstances in which it may be appropriate to take actions that vary from the CDC Manual guidelines.

Please create a new section for the Communicable Disease Control Manual, entitled "Introduction" that is to be placed at the front of the manual.

Insert the following pages in the "Introduction" section:

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Section 1.0 "Preamble to BC Communicable Disease Control Manual"
and

Section 2.0 "Protocol for Guidance about Emerging or Unusual Situations
and for Varying from Existing Guidelines

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Please remove and destroy the following page from the Communicable Disease Control Manual:

Communicable Disease Control Manual
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Dated December 2004

Insert the following replacement page:

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