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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 6 – Surveillance of Reportable Conditions**

Dear colleague,

At the direction of CD Policy, a new chapter of the BC Communicable Disease Control Manual has been established to consolidate information related to the surveillance of reportable conditions in BC. The new chapter 6, "Surveillance of Reportable Conditions" provides provincial case definitions of reportable diseases, and processes for provincial surveillance reporting (e.g. minimum dataset definition, case follow-up timelines). It provides guidance on which jurisdiction should report a case of reportable communicable disease when more than one province/territory is involved and how to document geography in Panorama so that appropriate reporting occurs. Over time, additional documents may be added pertaining to surveillance of reportable conditions in BC. You can find the new chapter on our website at: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-professionals/clinical-resources/communicable-disease-control-manual>. For comments relating to the new chapter, including suggestions of additional content to include, please contact Laura MacDougall at the coordinates below.

Sincerely,

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