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**ATTN:** Medical Health Officers and Branch Offices  
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**RE: Update to the Communicable Disease Control (CDC) Manual – Chapter 5:  
Sexually Transmitted Infections: Section 2: HIV/AIDS**

**Please note the following updates to the Communicable Disease Control (CDC) Manual –  
Chapter 5: Sexually Transmitted Infections: Section 2: HIV/AIDS.**

**(1) HIV/AIDS – Updated. Please note updates to: *Guidelines for Testing, Follow up, and Prevention of HIV (August 2016)*:**

In the event of a suspect acute HIV infection, the following recommendation is from the August 2016 version:

- *When acute HIV infection is suspected, write “acute HIV suspected” on the laboratory requisition form. This will ensure a NAAT test is performed if the 4th generation EIA test is non-reactive.*

The updated, October 2016 version recommends directly contacting the BCCDC Public Health Lab Medical Microbiologist on call for suspect acute HIV infection:

- *If acute HIV infection is suspected, contact the medical microbiologist on call at BCCDC (tel: 604-661-7033) to discuss if HIV RNA testing is an option. Although 4<sup>th</sup> generation screening identifies most acute HIV cases, the NAAT has slightly higher sensitivity and will become positive a few days earlier.*

**Please note changes to the following pages from the CDC Manual: Chapter 5: Section 2: HIV/AIDS:**

- *Guidelines for Testing, Follow up, and Prevention of HIV (August 2016) pp. 13, 14, 16 and 29*

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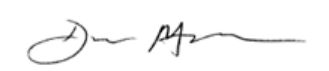
Please note BCCDC will host a webcast presentation to review changes to the HIV/AIDs section of Chapter 5 (CDC Manual) on **November 1, 2016 from 9:30 AM – 1030 AM**. The live webcast presentation can be accessed via the following link:

<https://mediasite.phsa.ca/Mediasite/Play/1084fd1454c74eddb36409849c311c4f1d>

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Sincerely,



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