



BC Centre for Disease Control
AN AGENCY OF THE PROVINCIAL HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY

Date **October 13, 2009**

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

Re: **Revision to Communicable Disease Control Manual:
Chapter 2: Immunization Program, Section VII – Biological Products**

Page 14, Hepatitis B Vaccine pre-exposure Indications:

- Pharmacists who will be providing injections have been added to the list of individuals eligible for publicly-funded Hepatitis B vaccine.

Page 15, Hepatitis B for Students of Health care Professions:

- Undergraduate Pharmacy has been added to the list of students eligible for Hepatitis B vaccine.

Pages 24 & 25, Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (GARDASIL™):

- The 0 – 6 – 12 month alternate schedule has been added.
- Footnote 7 describes the use of this schedule for school year 2009/10, and the rationale for the extended schedule.

Page 44, Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (Prevnar™):

- This vaccine is now supplied as a latex-free product. Latex has been removed from the list of Contraindications to the vaccine.

Please remove and destroy the following page from the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 2:

Section VII, Biological Products:

Pages 14, 24 & 25
Page 15
Page 44

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Dated September 2009
Dated January 2009

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Please insert the following pages in the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 2:

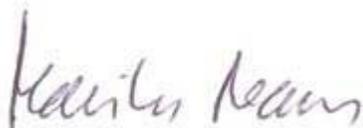
Section VII, Biological Products:

Pages 14, 15, 24, 25 & 44

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Sincerely,



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