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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 1 – Communicable Disease Control**

**Please note the following changes to the Communicable Disease Control Manual –
Chapter 1 Communicable Disease Control:**

BLOOD AND BODY FLUID EXPOSURE MANAGEMENT GUIDELINE

- This guideline focuses on the possibility of transmission through blood and body fluids (BBF) and addresses risk assessment and management of persons exposed to BBF (i.e. hepatitis B virus (HBV), hepatitis C virus (HCV) and Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV).
- Improvements in sensitivity of laboratory tests have prompted changes in the frequency of follow up testing. As a result, HIV window testing periods (Taylor et al. 2014) and new recommendations for post-exposure management for HBV in health care personnel (CDC MMWR 2013) have been published.

BLOOD AND BODY FLUID EXPOSURE MANAGEMENT TOOL

- The *Blood and Body Fluid Exposure Management Tool* is a new document developed to provide a summarized version of the revised Blood and Body Fluid Management Exposure Guideline.

**Please *remove* the following from the Communicable Disease Control Manual – Chapter 1
Communicable Disease Control:**

- **Blood and Body Fluid Exposure Management – dated March 2010**

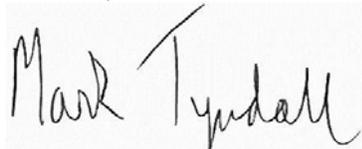
Please *insert* the following into the Communicable Disease Control Manual – Chapter 1 Communicable Disease Control:

- **Blood and Body Fluid Exposure Management – dated July 2015 - pages 1–26**
- **Blood and Body Fluid Exposure Management Tool – dated July 2015 – pages 1-12**

This document will be posted on the BCCDC website at: <http://www.bccdc.ca/dis-cond/comm-manual/CDManualChap1.htm>

If you have any questions regarding these practice changes, please contact Cheryl Prescott, Senior Practice Leader at 604-707-5651 or Cheryl.Prescott@bccdc.ca.

Sincerely,



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