January 17, 2003

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

Re: Revised Guidelines for the Control of Hepatitis A

The Hepatitis A Control Guidelines have been revised to incorporate the recommendation for the post-exposure use of hepatitis A vaccine.

Please remove and destroy from the Communicable Disease Control Manual:

Hepatitis A Control
Pages 1 to 8                Dated January 2001

Insert the following pages in the Communicable Disease Control Manual:

Hepatitis A Control
Pages 1 to 10               Dated January 2003

The revised Hepatitis A Control Guidelines are posted on the BCCDC website at:
www.bccdc.org

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Karen Pielak, Nurse Epidemiologist, Epidemiology Services, BCCDC at telephone (604) 660-6061, fax (604) 660-0197 or e-mail karen.pielak@bccdc.ca

Sincerely,

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