January 12, 2004

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

Re: Revisions to Immunization Program

Revisions have been made to the Immunization Program chapter of the
Communicable Disease Control Manual that incorporate the program change
that replaces Td vaccine with TdaP vaccine for the 14 to 16 year old booster in
grade 9.

Please remove and destroy the following pages from the Immunization Program
chapter of the Communicable Disease Control Manual:

Section II – Immunization Schedules
Page 7d & 7e Dated December 2003
Pages 8 & 11 Dated August 2003

Section VII – Biological Products
Page 53 Dated December 2003

Please note that there is a change in the recommendation regarding the number
of doses of Adacel™ vaccine to be administered to those who have not
completed a primary series of 3 doses of a tetanus/diphtheria-containing vaccine.
The new recommendation is based on a national consensus of expert opinion.
BCCDC has also forwarded the issue to the National Advisory Committee on
Immunization (NACI) for further consideration.

Please insert the following pages in the Immunization Program chapter of the
Communicable Disease Control Manual:

Section II – Immunization Schedules
Page 7d, 7e, 8 & 11 Dated January 2004

Section VII – Biological Products
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