November 16, 2004

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

Re: Report of Adverse Event Following Immunization – HLTH 2319

The Temporal Criteria table for reporting adverse events has been updated. The table on the reverse of the HLTH 2319 “Report of Adverse Following Immunization” now includes temporal guidelines for Varicella, Pneumococcal and Meningococcal vaccines.

Stock of the HLTH 2319 can be ordered from Warehousing Services, 742 Vanalman Avenue, Victoria BC, V8Z 3B5, by e-mail brian.mcneil@gems9.gov.bc.ca or by phone (250) 952-4425. Please distribute the HLTH 2319 to immunization providers who are unable to access iPHIS for electronic reporting of adverse events following immunization.

Re: Revisions to Communicable Disease Control Manual:
Chapter II – Immunization Program

The Section VII Biological Products pages for Hepatitis A vaccine now include a three dose vaccine series for individuals who are HIV positive. Individuals who are HIV positive are included in the list of persons eligible for publicly-funded hepatitis A vaccine.

Please delete and destroy the following from the Communicable Disease Control Manual: Chapter II – Immunization Program:

Section VII, pages 6 and 9               Dated August 2004
Section VII, pages 7, 8, 9a and 10       Dated August 2003

Insert the following replacement pages:
Section VII, pages 6, 7, 8, 9, 9a and 10  Dated November 2004
If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Cheryl McIntyre, Associate Nurse Epidemiologist, at telephone (604) 660-6061, fax (604) 660-0197 or by e-mail to cheryl.mcintyre@bccdc.ca

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