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**November 29, 2004**

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

**Re: Control of Hepatitis A**

Please note the following revisions to the guidelines for the control of hepatitis A:

**Page 1, Subsection 2.0 “Clinical Description:”**

- New section.

**Page 2, Subsection 3.0 “Epidemiology:”**

- New section. Clinical description and epidemiology subsections are being added to all revised disease control guidelines. A consistent Table of Contents template will be used for all guidelines.

**Page 3, Subsection 4.0 “Definitions:”**

- Revised definition for a hepatitis A outbreak specifies the occurrence of two or more epidemiologically-linked cases within two incubation periods (i.e. 90 days).

**Page 6, Subsection 7.3 “Offer immunoprophylaxis to contacts:”**

- New bullet – “If a contact has previously received at least one dose of hepatitis A vaccine, there is no further need for hepatitis A vaccination.”

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**Please delete and destroy the following from the Communicable Disease Control Manual: Chapter I – Management of Specific Diseases:**

Hepatitis A  
Pages 1 – 10

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**Insert the following replacement pages:**

Hepatitis A  
Pages 1 – 9

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