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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: Revised Communicable Disease Control Manual

The entire Communicable Disease Control Manual (Chapters I – V) is now on-line at http://www.bccdc.org/content.php?item=83. It has been re-formatted and consists of the following chapters:

- Chapter I - Management of Specific Disease
- Chapter II - Immunization Program
- Chapter III - Infection Control
- Chapter IV - Tuberculosis
- Chapter V - Sexually Transmitted Infections

Please create the above chapter dividers for the Communicable Disease Control Manual.

Several disease control guidelines are extremely out-of-date and should be removed from the manual. The remaining guidelines remain unchanged.
Please remove and destroy the following pages from the Communicable Disease Control Manual Chapter I – Management of Specific Diseases:

Table of Contents Dated May 2002
Cholera
   Pages 1 – 4 Dated December 1985
Food Borne
   Pages 1 – 9 Dated October 1985
   Appendices 1 – 5
Legionellae
   Pages 1 – 24 Dated April 1987
Plague
   Pages 1 – 5 Dated December 1985
   Appendix A Pages 1 – 9
Typhoid/Paratyphoid Fever
   Pages 1 – 5 Dated December 1985

Please insert the following page into the Communicable Disease Control Manual:

Communicable Disease Control
   Table of Contents Dated December 2004

Please insert the following page into the Communicable Disease Control Manual Chapter I – Management of Specific Diseases:

Chapter 1 – Management of Specific Diseases
   Table of Contents Dated December 2004

Please remove and destroy the Table of Contents, dated November 2002, from the Communicable Disease Control Manual Chapter II – Immunization Program and insert the replacement Chapter II Table of Contents page (dated December 2004)

Please insert the following page into the Communicable Control Manual Chapter III – Infection Control:

Chapter III Infection Control
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