October 11, 2005

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

Re: Guidelines for the Control of Influenza-like Illness (ILI) Outbreaks in
BC Health Care Facilities

Attached are the updated guidelines for the control ILI outbreaks in BC health care
facilities. Please note that these guidelines contain recommendations regarding the
use of Tamiflu® (oseltamivir) for the treatment and prevention of influenza. Currently
the use of this drug for prophylaxis is not covered under Pharmacare. This is under
consideration.

Please insert the following pages in the Communicable Disease Control
Manual – Chapter III Infection Control:

Guidelines for the Control of ILI Outbreaks in BC Health Care Facilities

Pages 1 – 8 Dated September 2005

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