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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 Pertussis Control Guidelines (CDC Manual – Chapter I,
Management of Specific Diseases, Pertussis)**

Please note the following revisions to the CDC Manual - Pertussis:

Page 1, Section 2.0 CLINICAL DESCRIPTION:

- New section

Page 2, Section 3.0 EPIDEMIOLOGY:

- New section

Page 5, Subsection 5.3 “Recommend treatment:”

- Second bullet re-worded to improve clarity
- Bullets 5 and 6 outline new recommendations for the use of azithromycin and clarithromycin for infants

Page 6, “Table 2 - Treatment of Pertussis AND Chemoprophylaxis of Pertussis Contacts, By Age:”

- Outlines revised guidelines for the use of these chemoprophylactic agents

Page 7, “Table 3 - Treatment of Pertussis AND Chemoprophylaxis of Pertussis Contacts:”

- Revised “Notes” column also specifies the category of the drug in terms of fetal risk.

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Page 8, Subsection 5.4 “Exclusion of cases:”

- More detailed information provided

Page 11, Subsection 6.8 “Immunization:”

- 3rd bullet discusses the lack of evidence to support mass vaccination with Tdap as an effective intervention to control outbreaks in confined settings, such as schools.

Please remove and destroy the following pages from the CDC Manual, Chapter I - Management of Specific Diseases, Pertussis:

Pages 1 – 12

Appendix A

Appendix B, Pages 1,2, and 3

Dated September 2002

Pertussis Case Follow-Up

(HLTH 2375)

Dated September 2002

Pertussis Contact Management

(HLTH 2376)

Dated September 2002

Prescription for Chemoprophylaxis

Following Exposure to Pertussis Disease

(HLTH 2377, HLTH 2378, HLTH 2379,
HLTH 2380, HLTH 2381)

Dated September 2002

Recommended Preventive Treatment of
Contacts to Cases of Pertussis (Whooping Cough)

(HLTH 2383)

Dated September 2002

Please insert the following replacements in the CDC Manual, Chapter I - Management of Specific Diseases, Pertussis:

Pages 1 – 13

Appendix A

Appendix B, Pages 1 and 2

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(HLTH 2375)

Dated January 2006

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The HLTH forms can be downloaded from the BC Centre for Disease Control website at: <http://www.bccdc.org/content.php?item=28>

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