



BC Centre for Disease Control
AN AGENCY OF THE PROVINCIAL HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY

August 18, 2006

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

Re: Revisions to Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 2 – Immunization Program

Please note the following changes to the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 2 – Immunization Program:

Section II – Immunization Schedules:

Table of Contents: repaginated

Page 2: 2.0 Schedule A: Basic Immunization

- Diphtheria/acellular Pertussis/Tetanus/IPV/Hib changed to Diphtheria/Tetanus/acellular Pertussis/IPV/Hib for consistency with national naming of biological products.
- Footnote for Hepatitis B vaccine to indicate eligibility for infants born on and after January 1, 2001.
- Meningococcal C conjugate removed from Grade 9 schedule; catch-up at this grade was completed in the 2005/06 school year.
- Footnote for varicella to reflect expanded eligibility for vaccine
- Footnote to reflect the 2006/07 school year as the final year for Meningococcal C conjugate vaccine is grade 12.

Page 4: 3.0 Schedule B:

- Diphtheria/Tetanus/acellular Pertussis/IPV/Hib and abbreviation DTaP-IPV-Hib; Diphtheria/Tetanus/acellular Pertussis/IPV and abbreviation DTaP-IPV, for consistency with national naming.
- Footnote for varicella to reflect expanded eligibility for vaccine.

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Page 5: 4.0 Schedule C:

- Varicella vaccine for susceptible children added to initial visit, and footnote to reflect eligibility of all susceptible children, and need for 2 doses of varicella vaccine if ≥ 13 years of age.
- Meningococcal C conjugate vaccine removed from grade 9 schedule.
- Footnote to reflect the 2006/07 school year as the final year for Meningococcal C conjugate vaccine in grade 12.

Page 6: Schedule D:

- Footnote ♥ indicates that a second dose of MMR vaccine is provided free to health or childcare students and workers born after 1956, and to women of childbearing age who are susceptible to rubella.
- Footnote •• reflects provision of varicella vaccine to all susceptible adults.

Page 7: Schedule E:

- A second dose of MMR vaccine is provided free to women of childbearing age who are susceptible to rubella.

Page 18: Vaccines Recommended for all Health care and Childcare Workers:

- 16.3.2 Measles vaccine: clarification that persons born after 1956 are eligible for vaccine.

Page 20: Vaccines Recommended for all Health care and Childcare Workers:

- 16.3.5 Mumps vaccine: indication to provide MMR vaccine for those who lack proof of one dose of live mumps-containing vaccine, lack documentation of physician-diagnosed mumps disease, or lack laboratory evidence of immunity to mumps.

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**Section VII – Biological Products:
Page 34: Measles/Mumps/Rubella Vaccines:**

- A second dose of MMR vaccine is provided free to health and child care workers born after 1956 and to women of childbearing age who are susceptible to rubella.
- Galactosemia removed as a contraindication for Priorix™ vaccine.
- Contraindication added: to separate MMR and varicella vaccine for high risk/immunocompromised clients by at least 4 weeks.

Pages 35, 37 and 38a: Meningococcal conjugate vaccines:

- Removal of grade 9 students from the list of indications for vaccine
- Clarification to ⊗ footnotes regarding timing of vaccine doses

Page 52: Tetanus-Diphtheria (Td) Adsorbed vaccine:

- Thimerosal removed as one of the product components.

Please remove and destroy the following pages from Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 2 – Immunization Program:

Section II – Immunization Schedules:

Table of Contents	Dated January 2006
Pages 2 and 6	Dated April 2006
Page 4	Dated March 2005
Page 5	Dated January 2006
Pages 7 and 18	Dated June 2005
Pages 20 and 21	Dated July 2004

Section VII – Biological Products:

Page 34, 35, 37 and 38a	Dated April 2006
Page 52	Dated January 2006



**Insert the following pages in the Communicable Disease Control Manual,
Chapter 2 - Immunization Program:**

Section II – Immunization Schedules:

Table of Contents and

Pages 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 18, 20 & 21

Dated August 2006

Section VII – Biological Products:

Pages 34, 35, 37, 38a, & 52

Dated August 2006

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