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.
**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.

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Section II – Immunization Schedules:
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Pages 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 18, 20 & 21 Dated August 2006

Section VII – Biological Products:
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