September 25, 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

The guideline for the administration of IM injections to children $\geq$ 12 months of age has been changed: the deltoid may be used as a site for IM injections in this age group, providing there is adequate muscle mass.

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

Section IV – Vaccine Administration
Page 6 Dated November 2002

Section VII – Biological Products:
Page 28 Dated August 2004
Page 47 Dated June 2005
Pages 49 & 50c Dated June 2006
Page 50a Dated October 2005

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Section IV – Vaccine Administration
Page 6 Dated September 2006
Section VII – Biological Products:
Pages 28, 47, 49, 50a, & 50c Dated September 2006

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