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

Re: **Point of Care HIV Counselling Guidelines**

Please insert the following set of guidelines in Chapter 5 (Sexually Transmitted Infections) of the Communicable Disease Control Manual: “Client Counselling Guidelines: For Use with Point of Care HIV Test Kits”.

The information contained in these guidelines will assist the health care professional with pre and post test counseling when using point of care HIV test kits.

**Please insert in the CDC Manual – Chapter 5, Sexually Transmitted Infections:**

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dr. Mark Gilbert, Physician Epidemiologist, at telephone (604) 660-6149, fax (604) 775-0808 or by email at mark.gilbert@bccdc.ca

Sincerely,

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