June 16, 2010

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

Re:  Revisions to the Communicable Disease Control Manual,
     Chapter 3 – Infection Control “Gastrointestinal Infection Outbreak
     Guidelines for Healthcare Facilities”

Please note that the Provincial Infection Control Network (PICNet) GI Outbreak
Guidelines for Healthcare Facilities are now available as a new section to
Chapter 3 of the Communicable Disease Control Manual. This document
replaces the BCCDC Laboratory Services’ “Managing Outbreaks of
Gastroenteritis.” It is also available on the PICNet website at
http://www.picnetbc.ca.

Table of contents for Chapter 3 is updated to reflect this change.

Please remove and destroy the following pages from the Communicable
Disease Control Manual, Chapter 3 – Infection Control:

Table of Contents  Dated July 2007

Managing Outbreaks of Gastroenteritis

Pages 1 – 59  Dated 2003

Administrative Circular 2010:09
Please insert the following pages in the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 3 – Infection Control:

Table of Contents  Dated June 2010

Gastrointestinal Infection Outbreak Guidelines for Healthcare Facilities
Pages 1 – 50  Dated June 2010

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