



**BC Centre for Disease Control**  
An agency of the Provincial Health Services Authority

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**ATTN:** Medical 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 2, Immunization Program**

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

**SECTION IB: INFORMED CONSENT:**

**Page 3, Subsection 3.0 “DEFINITIONS:”**

- The definition of a parent/representative now includes the situation in which the parent has given written authority to another person to act on behalf of the parent with respect to the immunization of the child. An example is where the parent gives a note to the person that brings the child in for immunization that states they, the parent, have given permission for the other person to give consent for their child’s immunizations.

**Page 4, Subsection 3.0 “DEFINITIONS:”**

- This page contains content from the previous page 3 and was repaginated. The content has not been changed.

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**Page 11, Section 6.0 “CONSENT FOR SCHOOL-BASED IMMUNIZATION PROGRAMS:”**

- This is a new section. The provincial Informed Consent Working Group developed standardized provincial consent forms for the grades 6 and 9 programs. These forms are now available on the BCCDC website at: <http://www.bccdc.ca/imm-vac/VaccinesBC>.
- These consent forms have been approved by the Legal Services Branch of the Ministry of Attorney General.
- Please note that decisions regarding the printing, distribution, collection, and storage of these forms are to be made by local Health Authorities.

**Page 11, Section 7.0 “IMMUNIZATION OF ADULTS INCAPABLE OF CONSENTING FOR SELF:”**

- This is a new section. The provincial Informed Consent Working Group developed standardized provincial consent forms for adults that are incapable of consenting for self. There are three consent forms:
  - influenza vaccine
  - pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine
  - a “fill-in-the blanks” form regarding any other vaccine for which the client is eligible.
- The purpose of the forms is to streamline the consent process for mass immunization clinics. The correct "representative" for the client would sign off the consent and the consent would be brought with the client to the clinic.
- These consent forms have been approved by the Legal Services Branch of the Ministry of Attorney General.
- Each Health Authority is to initiate local procedures with their Community Living Associations, and any other relevant partners for the use of these forms.
- These forms are available on the BCCDC website at: <http://www.bccdc.ca/imm-vac/VaccinesBC>.

**Page 12, Section 8.0 “REFERENCES:”**

- There are no new references on this page. The page was repaginated.

**Please remove and destroy the following pages from the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 2 – Immunization Program, Section IB: “Informed Consent:”**

TOC  
Pages 3, 4, 11, and 12

Dated May 2009

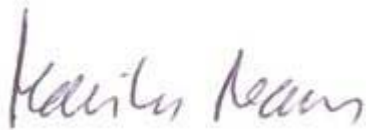
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