Date January 11, 2011

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

Re: Addition to Communicable Disease Control Manual:
   Chapter I – Management of Specific Diseases

Gastrointestinal illness (GI) outbreaks in child care facilities (CCF) are of public health importance because of high rates of transmission and the presence of a vulnerable population. Guidelines for the management of GI outbreaks in CCF have been recommended by public health professionals and researchers in Canada. In BC, the development of these guidelines was supported by the BC Enteric Policy Working Group and public health professionals.

Please note the following addition to the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter I – Management of Specific Diseases:
Guidelines for the Management of Gastrointestinal Illness Outbreaks in Child Care Facilities

Administrative Circular 2011:01
Please insert the following pages in the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 1- Management of Specific Diseases

Guidelines for the Management of Gastrointestinal Illness Outbreaks in Child Care Facilities:

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