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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: Revision to Communicable Disease Control Manual:
Chapter 3 – Infection Control Guidelines**

These guidelines describe the infection prevention and control practices for respiratory infections that are primarily droplet spread. They are not intended to replace local or regional processes, but rather to serve as a reference for all healthcare settings when developing or updating their own policies. The recommendations described in this document exemplify best practices in the prevention and control of seasonal droplet-spread respiratory outbreaks.

**Please note the following revision to the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 3 – Infection Control Guidelines:
Respiratory Infection Outbreak Guidelines for Healthcare Facilities -
Reference Document for use by Health Care Organizations for Internal
Policy/Protocol Development**

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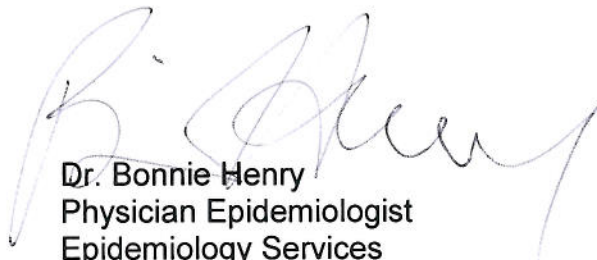
Please insert the following pages in the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 3- Infection Control Guidelines

Respiratory Infection Outbreak Guidelines for Healthcare Facilities - Reference Document for use by Health Care Organizations for Internal Policy/Protocol Development

These revised guidelines replace the PICNet Reference for Respiratory Outbreak Prevention & Control Guidelines – 2007

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