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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: Update to Communicable Disease Control Manual,
Chapter 2 - Immunization**

The [BC Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 2: Immunization](#) (BC Immunization Manual) has undergone a formatting change and is now live on the BCCDC website. This change consists of utilizing a new and more intuitive layout, as well as more clearly identifying the sections that support clinical decision-making related to the provision of vaccines, which should be more useful to clinicians less familiar with the organization of the old manual who need to find information quickly. This layout also satisfies the requirements of several nursing colleges which have identified the BC Immunization Manual as a decision support tool for their members.

A Quick Reference Guide which provides an overview of the various sections within the newly formatted manual has been posted on the BCCDC website and can be found [here](#). URL redirects from the old manual to the new manual will be in place during the transition period.

For the purposes of printing an initial hard copy, a consolidated PDF document of the entire manual has been posted on the BCCDC website and can be found [here](#). Please note that this will only be available for a limited time and will be taken down on Thursday, August 10th. After this date, there will no longer be one consolidated PDF document; however individual PDF documents will continue to be available for print via the BCCDC website.

*** The consolidated PDF document of the entire manual should be printed single-sided, as this is one continuous document and sections are not separated. For manual users who prefer double-sided pages, individual PDF documents from each section can be printed via hyperlinks within the online manual. ***

Minor formatting revisions have been made throughout the manual, such as embedding hyperlinks within document titles where appropriate.

Additional minor content revisions have been made and are outlined below.

Introduction

- Content has been added regarding Immunization Practice and the Health Professions Act, as well as CRNBC standards, limits and conditions for Registered Nurses with regard to compounding, dispensing and administration of immunoprophylactic agents.
- Minor content updates have been made throughout the section for consistency with other sections of the manual.
- The following subsections have been moved to “supporting documents” along with the respective references:
 - Relative Risks of Diseases and Immunization
 - Vaccine Immunogenicity, Efficacy, and Effectiveness
 - Definitions
 - Immunogenic Components of Selected Vaccines
 - Non-Immunogenic Components of Vaccines
 - Vaccine Development and Licensing
 - History of Immunization in BC

Part 4 – Biological Products

- Typhoid vaccines have been removed from this section. Information pertaining to these vaccines can be found in the Canadian Immunization Guide.

Appendix C - Contraindications and Precautions for Immunization

- *Table 1: General Contraindications and Precautions for Vaccine Administration* has been updated to include that HPV vaccine is contraindicated in pregnancy.
- The *Latex Content in Vaccines* table has been moved to Supporting Documents. Appendix C, Subsection 4. Latex Allergy now includes a link to the Supporting Document - Latex Content in Vaccines.

Part 5 – Adverse Events Following Immunization

- All references to “iPHIS” have been replaced with “Panorama” throughout the section.

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