Date: November 1, 2021         Administrative Circular: 2021:43

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 6: Surveillance of Reportable Conditions,
    Disease-Specific Provincial Surveillance Forms,
    Sexually Transmitted & Blood Borne Infections,
    AIDS

Please note the AIDS provincial surveillance form has been revised.

The AIDS form was revised to collect the minimum data required to characterize trends in new
AIDS cases in BC.

Please note the following key changes to the revised AIDS form:

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<tr>
<th>Data Element</th>
<th>Change</th>
<th>Rationale</th>
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<tr>
<td>“Two-Spirit” identity</td>
<td>Addition</td>
<td>To support understanding of AIDS among Two-Spirit individuals</td>
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<td>Sex listed on BC Services Card or CareCard</td>
<td>Addition</td>
<td>To facilitate linkage using the Public Health Reporting Data Warehouse (PHRDW) matching algorithm</td>
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<td>Name of diagnosing physician/clinic or agency</td>
<td>Addition</td>
<td>To facilitate geography algorithm</td>
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<tr>
<td>Address of diagnosing physician/clinic or agency</td>
<td>Addition</td>
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<tr>
<td>Phone number, client</td>
<td>Removal</td>
<td>Not used for AIDS surveillance</td>
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<td>Email</td>
<td>Removal</td>
<td>Not used for AIDS surveillance</td>
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<td>Country of birth</td>
<td>Removal</td>
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<td>Year of arrival in Canada</td>
<td>Removal</td>
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<td>Born or resided in an HIV endemic country</td>
<td>Removal</td>
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<td>Housing instability</td>
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<td>Vital status (alive/dead)</td>
<td>Removal</td>
<td>Can obtain deaths via Vital Stats</td>
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<tr>
<td>Date of death</td>
<td>Removal</td>
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*Not used for AIDS surveillance
* Data quality for these elements is low
The revised AIDS form can be found on the BCCDC website:

http://www.bccdc.ca/health-professionals/professional-resources/surveillance-forms

If you have questions regarding these changes or further information is required, please contact Dr. Jason Wong, Associate Medical Director (jason.wong@bccdc.ca).

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