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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: Additions to the Communicable Disease Control Manual –

**Chapter 1 – Communicable Disease Control Chapter:** 

**Hepatitis C Guideline** 

## Please note the following changes to the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 1:

- (1) Addition of public health management guidelines for health professionals who follow-up individuals who have been newly-identified with hepatitis C virus infection. This document covers:
  - Description of HCV
  - Case classification
  - Case and contact management
  - Health teaching
  - Laboratory information

This document will be posted on the BCCDC website at: <a href="http://www.bccdc.ca/discond/comm-manual/CDManualChap1.htm">http://www.bccdc.ca/discond/comm-manual/CDManualChap1.htm</a>

For print copies of the CD Control Manual, these guidelines can be placed in Chapter 1, directly after the Hepatitis B (September 2009) section.

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If you have any questions or concerns about this document, please contact Sandi Mitchell, Hepatitis Nurse Educator (604-707-2435 / <a href="mailto:sandi.mitchell@bccdc.ca">sandi.mitchell@bccdc.ca</a>) or Dr. Gail Butt, Clinical Lead, Hepatitis (604-707-2434 / <a href="mailto:gail.butt@bccdc.ca">gail.butt@bccdc.ca</a>).

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