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

## Re: Revisions to Chapter I Communicable Disease Control "Exclusion of Enteric Cases and their Contacts from High Risk Settings"

New evidence on the shedding of *Shigella* and a jurisdictional scan on *Shigella* contact exclusion practices led to revisions in section 8.6 Exclusions for Cases of *Shigella* Infection and their Contacts.

A new tabular summary of guidance for STEC and *Shigella* was included in sections 8.4 and 8.6.

Unclear wording was clarified in the subtitles of section 8.4.

Please remove and destroy the following from the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 1 – Communicable Disease Control, Exclusion of Enteric Cases and their Contacts from High Risk Settings:

Pages 1 to 44

Dated March 2019

Please insert the following in the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 1 – Communicable Disease Control, Exclusion of Enteric Cases and their Contacts from High Risk Settings:

Pages 1 to 47

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