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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: 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:**

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

*\* 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](mailto:jason.wong@bccdc.ca)).

Sincerely,



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