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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,  
Part 5 – Adverse Events Following Immunization**

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- Content has been added under “Events that must be reported”, indicating that a causal relationship between receipt of a vaccine(s) and an AEFI does not need to be proven.
- Content has been added under “Events that should not be reported”, indicating that events that do not meet the AEFI reporting criteria should not be reported in the Adverse Event surveillance module of the public health information system. For events that have been entered into the Adverse Event surveillance module and are subsequently determined not to meet the reporting criteria, the status field of the report should be set to “Does not meet reporting criteria” as not be included in adverse event surveillance.

**Please remove page numbers: 3 & 4 dated January 2019**  
**Please add new page numbers: 3 & 4 dated November 2019**

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Sincerely,



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