



June 15, 2012

Dear Colleagues:

Re: BC Strategic Plan for Tuberculosis Prevention, Treatment and Control

I am very pleased to announce that a final version of the *BC Strategic Plan for Tuberculosis Prevention, Treatment and Control* is available online at <http://www.bccdc.ca/dis-cond/az/t/Tuberculosis/statsres/default.htm>. The plan is a result of your input and collaboration. It has a strong health promotion and prevention focus while also directing improvements in diagnostic capacity and tertiary care and support.

The Communicable Disease Policy Advisory Committee has established a working group to begin implementing priority actions within the plan. The Ministry of Health looks forward to collaborating with the BC Centre for Disease Control, regional health authorities, the interim First Nations health authority, the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch, and the community to achieve the milestones described in the plan and report on progress.

The mutually developed goals and targets are certainly ambitious, but I believe they can be attained with the same hard work and dedication you have shown during the development of this plan. Thank you again for your support to improve individual and population-level outcomes for tuberculosis in the province.

Yours truly,

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