



BC Centre for Disease Control
Provincial Health Services Authority

Communicable Diseases and Immunization Service
655 West 12th Avenue
Vancouver, BC V5Z 4R4

Tel 604.707.2548
Fax 604.707.2515
www.bccdc.ca

Date: February 11, 2021

Administrative Circular: 2021:07

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 1 Communicable Disease Control - Rabies

Updated information provided about submitting specimens to the Rabies Laboratory, Canadian Food Inspection Agency including access to weekend testing, new contact information for the labs in Lethbridge and Ottawa, and added clarification on sample submission.

Please remove and destroy the previous version (September 2020) of the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 1 – Management of Specific Diseases - Rabies and replace with the February 2021 version.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call (604) 707-2548 or e-mail veronic.clair@bccdc.ca.

Sincerely,

Dr. Veronic Clair, MD, MSc, CCFP, FRCPC, PhD
Physician Epidemiologist
BC Centre for Disease Control

pc: Provincial Health Officer
Dr. Bonnie Henry

Dr. Reka Gustafson
Vice President, Public Health &
Wellness, PHSA & Deputy Provincial
Health Officer

Deputy Provincial Health Officer
Dr. Martin Lavoie

BC Ministry of Health, Population &
Public Health Division:

Brian Sagar
Senior Director Communicable
Disease, Population and Public Health
Division

Bernard Achampong
Executive Director,
Public Health, Planning and Prevention,
Population and Public Health Division