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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: Rabies Control Guidelines

Please note the following revisions to the Rabies Control Guidelines:

Page 15 (page 2 of Appendix C: Rabies Exposure Report and Rabies Biologicals Request Form):

- The last section of the form has been changed. It is titled "Biologicals Requested," the statement "BCCDC Use Only" deleted, and recording of rabies vaccine and HRIG lot # (s) deleted.

Pages 16 and 17:

- Consistent with the Immunization Manual, the ventrogluteal area is the preferred site for the administration of HRIG to individual 5 years of age and older. Its use is preferred to that of the dorsogluteal site.

Please remove and destroy the following pages from the Communicable Disease Control Manual:

Rabies Control Guidelines
Pages 15 and 16
Page 17

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Insert replacement pages 15, 16, and 17

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The revised guidelines for rabies control are posted on the BCCDC website at:
<http://www.bccdc.ca/>

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