October 14, 2009

ATTN: Medical Health Officers and Branch Offices
Public Health Nursing Administrators and Assistant Administrators
Holders of Communicable Disease Control Manuals

Re: Revisions to Guidelines for the Control of Botulism

Please note the following revisions to the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 1: Management of Specific Diseases – Botulism:

Page 4, Section 5.0 Case management:
- Added requirement for MHO to inform on-call person in Epidemiology Services.

Please remove and destroy the following page from the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 1 – Management of Specific Diseases, Botulism:

Page 4 Dated January 2008

Please insert the following page in the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 1 – Management of Specific Diseases, Botulism:

Page 4 Dated October 2009
If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dr. Colette Gaulin, Physician Epidemiologist, at telephone (604) 707-2558, fax (604) 707-2516 or by email at colette.gaulin@bccdc.ca

Sincerely,

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