July 8, 2009

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

Re: Revisions to Communicable Disease Control Manual:
    Chapter I – Management of Specific Diseases, Rabies

Please note the following revisions to the above guidelines:

Page 15, Section 6.0 “Release of Biologicals for Rabies Post-exposure Prophylaxis:”
   • The daytime phone number for Epidemiology Services has been deleted as
     there have been several instances recently of community physicians phoning
     Epidemiology Services directly and not contacting their local Medical Health
     Officer.

Page 16, Section 6.0 “Release of Biologicals for Rabies Post-exposure Prophylaxis:”
   • The evening, weekend and holiday BCCDC physician on-call phone number
     has been deleted for the reason stated above.

Please delete and destroy the following pages from the Rabies guidelines:

Pages 15 and 16                     Dated February 2009

Insert the following replacement pages:

Pages 15 and 16                     Dated July 2009
If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dr. Colette Gaulin, Physician Epidemiologist (604-660-5401); colette.gaulin@bccdc.ca or Ken Cooper, Senior Environmental Health Specialist (250-768-3949; ken.cooper@bccdc.ca).

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