



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:

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