Date: July 15, 2015

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 Communicable Disease Control Manual:
Chapter 1 – Management of Specific Diseases, Botulism

Numerous minor updates were made throughout Chapter 1– Management of Specific Diseases, Botulism to capture programmatic and administrative changes. The only important content area changes were made to the antitoxin products available. Changes of note are highlighted here:

Page 4, Section 5.1

This section was revised to update new department names and pager/phone numbers.

Pages 6-8, Section 5.3

Further details and clarity was provided on the types of antitoxin products accessible in Canada and the process to access them. A new product is now recommended for use and added to the section.

Page 11, Section 8.1

Only one antitoxin product is now recommended for use in immunoprophylaxis; one was removed.

Please remove and destroy the following from the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 1 – Management of Specific Diseases, Botulism
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Please insert the following in the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 1- Management of Specific Diseases, Botulism
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  Dated July 2015

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me (604-707-2558; eleni.galanis@bccdc.ca).

Sincerely,