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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: Update to Communicable Disease Control Manual,
Chapter 1**

Meningococcal Disease

Correction: under 5.1 Identification of Cases, reference to primary meningococcal conjunctivitis has been removed.

Please remove page number: 4 dated June 2017
Please add new page number: 4 dated September 2017

Invasive Group A Streptococcal Disease

- Section 2.0 Epidemiology has been updated to include a link to the Annual Summaries of Reportable Diseases on the BCCDC website
- As per the decision of the BC Communicable Disease Policy Committee, the case definition has been expanded to reflect the use of nucleic acid amplification test at BC Children's Hospital.
- The case definition has been further clarified by the addition of "infant" to notes about puerperal infections and fetal deaths, so they now refer to fetal *or infant* deaths.
- Links to case report form have been updated
- Names of the information systems have been updated

Please remove page numbers: 2, 3, 11 and the Table of Contents dated April 2014
Please add new page numbers: 2, 3, 11 and the Table of Contents dated September 2017

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