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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 Chapter 1 Communicable Disease Control - Rabies

Updated information provided about submitting specimens to the Rabies Laboratory, Canadian Food Inspection Agency including access to weekend testing, new contact information for the labs in Lethbridge and Ottawa, and added clarification on sample submission.

Please remove and destroy the previous version (September 2020) of the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 1 – Management of Specific Diseases - Rabies and replace with the February 2021 version.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call (604) 707-2548 or e-mail veronic.clair@bccdc.ca.

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