Re: Update to Communicable Disease Control Manual,
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- 3.0 EPIDEMIOLOGY has been updated to remove ‘Indigenous ethnicity’ as a risk factor, and indicate that Indigenous peoples are disproportionately affected by *Haemophilus influenzae* disease because of longstanding inequities related to the social determinants of health due to the impacts of colonization. The footnoted reference to the *Summary of the Final Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada* has been added.

- 6.0 CONTACT MANAGEMENT has been updated to clarify that this section only applies to contacts of a case of invasive *Haemophilus influenzae* type b disease. Secondary cases caused by non-type b or non-typeable *Haemophilus influenzae* strains are rare and chemoprophylaxis is not recommended for contacts of invasive non-type b *Haemophilus influenzae* disease.

- 7.0 STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION OF CHEMOPROPHYLACTIC DRUGS has been updated to include a link to the BCCDC Pharmacy webpage for the medication order form.

**Please remove entire section:** dated November 2022  
**Please add new section:** dated December 2022

A new resource, *Strategies to Prevent COVID-19 and Influenza Vaccine Errors*, has been created. This resource is a compilation of strategies from all Health Authorities and is based on documents from the Institute for Safe Medication Practices Canada. It can be found on the COVID-19 vaccination toolkit for health professionals under the Management of inadvertent COVID-19 vaccine errors drop-down.
If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Stephanie Meier, Senior Practice Leader, BCCDC (telephone: 604-707-2577 / email: stephanie.meier@bccdc.ca).

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