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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: Measles**

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**Measles**

The following are the key changes and updates:

- A health equity assessment ([Rapid Colonial Knot Review Tool](#)) was conducted as part of the review. Based on this, the following additions have been made:
  - Added statements acknowledging the inherent rights of Indigenous Peoples (First Nations, Métis, and Inuit) and the impacts of colonization.
  - Added guidance and rationale for communicating with clients regarding case report form data collection.
  - Added residents of Indigenous or remote/isolated communities as a priority group for contact identification and management, as these communities may be disproportionately affected by measles outbreaks due to the impacts of colonization. Further, remote/isolated communities may have significant barriers accessing timely care (e.g., geographical and transportation barriers).
  - Added description regarding clinical manifestation of measles rash on darker skin tones.
- The period of communicability was revised from 1-2 days before the prodromal period to 1 day before the prodromal period to align with other jurisdictions.
- Details have been added on case and contact management of health care workers (HCWs), including the addition of Appendix B - Post-Exposure Management of Susceptible HCWs.
- Added contact information for the BC Provincial Blood Coordinating office to support IVIg access and inquiries.
- Guidance for contacts aboard commercial flights had been revised to align with the Public Health Agency of Canada's "[Process for contact management for measles cases communicable during air travel.](#)"

**Please remove entire section:** dated March 2024

**Please add new section:** dated December 2024

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Julene Cranch, Senior Practice Leader, BCCDC (telephone: 604-707-2555 / email: [julene.cranch@bccdc.ca](mailto:julene.cranch@bccdc.ca))

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