

March 10, 2011

ATTN: Medical Health Officers and Branch Offices Public Health Nursing Administrators and Assistant Administrators Communicable Diseases Environmental Health Officers Directors of Health Protection Holders of Communicable Disease Control Manuals

Re: Revisions to Communicable Disease Control Manual: Chapter I – Management of Specific Diseases

Please note the following changes to the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 1 – Management of Specific Diseases: Guidelines for Prevention of Zoonotic Diseases from Petting Zoos and Open Farms.

Information on risk factors, recommendations and references have been updated based on recent outbreak experience in BC and internationally. Information for the public has been removed from the guidelines and inclusion of reference to existing Health Files has been made. There has been significant editorial revision of these guidelines and changes have been made on all pages.

Please remove and destroy all pages from the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 1 – Management of Specific Diseases: Prevention of Enteric and Zoonotic Diseases at Petting Zoos and Open Farms

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Please insert the following pages in the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 1 – Management of Specific Diseases: Guidelines for Prevention of Zoonotic Diseases from Petting Zoos and Open Farms

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