Date: September 25, 2020        Administrative Circular: 2020:20

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: Communicable Disease Control, Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)
The interim guidelines for public health management of cases and contacts associated with
novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in the community have been revised.

Zoonotic Transmission

• Updated to indicate that:
  o Outbreaks of SARS-CoV-2 in mink have been detected on mink farms in
    Europe (Denmark, the Netherlands, Spain) and in the United States
    (Utah).
  o Bats, dogs, non-human primates and rabbits have been added to the list of
    animals for which there is evidence of some level of susceptibility to
    infection with SARS-CoV-2.

Appendix 3

• Flight exposures: Case name and symptom onset date have been added to the
  information that should be sent to the BCCDC in the notification of a COVID-19
  case on a flight.

Appendix 4

• Content has been broadened to include guidance related to COVID-19 exposure,
  cluster, & outbreak management in school and daycares.
If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Stephanie Meier, Senior Practice Leader, BCCDC (telephone: 604-707-2577 / email: stephanie.meier@bccdc.ca).

Sincerely,

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