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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: Update to Communicable Disease Control Manual,
Chapter 1: Avian Influenza Outbreak & Rabies**

Chapter 1 – Communicable Disease Control

Avian Influenza Outbreak

The following are the key revisions and updates:

- Table of contents have been updated to separate exposure risk assessment page and Antiviral Prophylaxis and Treatment page
- 1.0 a hyperlink has been added “Avian influenza A(H5N1): For health professionals – Canada.ca
- 2.0 updated content to reflect current global surveillance for mammals and humans
- 3.2 updated content to include potential sources for infection
- 3.3 revised content to reflect 14 days incubation for bird population
- 3.6 updated with PHA list
- 4.0 additional content on One Health Approach; a hyperlink has been added to CFIA information
- 5.1 updated exposure assessment link to new section
- 5.2 updated exposure assessment links to new section
- 5.4 updated content for exposure groups for HCW and personnel
- 5.5 Prophylaxis and Treatment:
 - a post exposure chart;
 - PrEP has been added
- 5.8 revised PPE requirements
- 5.12 Canadian immunization guide has been added
- 6.0 note to offer testing for exposures day 11-14 has been added
- 6.1 references: 2, 7 8 and 9 have been added; retrieval dates have been updated

Please remove entire section: dated November 2022
Please add new section: dated June 2023

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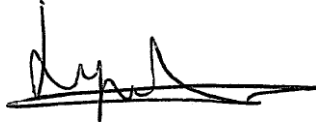
Rabies

- 3.2.2 Testing and observation of domestic animals which have potentially been exposed to rabies by other animals
 - Added a hyperlink to the BC Rabies Guidance for Veterinarians.
- Appendix A: Contact Information
 - Updated BCCDC Physician Epidemiologist phone number
 - Added the Public Health Veterinarian email address
- Appendix C: Instructions for Shipment of a Rabies Specimen to the CFIA Rabies Laboratory
 - Updating the mailing address for CFIA Laboratory

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Please add new section: dated June 2023

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mandy Deresh, Senior Practice Lead, BCCDC (telephone: 778-908-5365 / email: mderesh@bccdc.ca).

Sincerely,



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