

Date: May 04, 2017

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: Revisions to Communicable Disease Control Manual:
Chapter 1 – Management of Specific Diseases, Rabies**

Numerous minor updates were made throughout Chapter 1– Management of Specific Diseases, Rabies to capture programmatic and administrative changes. Changes of note are highlighted here:

Page 3, Section 3.0

Figure 1 was modified to include new guidance as per Section 3.2.1.

Page 5, Section 3.1

Table 1 was modified to include a gradient of risk and to separate BC exposures from exposures occurring outside BC.

Pages 9-10, Section 3.2.1

This section was revised to provide criteria to assist in determining if animal observation is required.

Pages 15-16, Section 4.2

This section was revised to clarify the rationale for why RPEP should not be delayed beyond 48 hours.

A footnote was added to explain that a literature review was conducted to assess the duration of time after an exposure during which Rablg remains effective.

Page 28, Appendix A

The contact list was updated.

**Please remove and destroy the following from the Communicable Disease Control Manual,
Chapter 1 – Management of Specific Diseases, Rabies**

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Pages 1 to 32

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**Please insert the following in the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 1- Management
of Specific Diseases, Rabies**

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Pages 1 to 34

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me (604-707-2558; eleni.galanis@bccdc.ca).

Sincerely,



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