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

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Interim guidelines for public health management of cases and contacts associated with novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in the community have been revised. The following changes have been made:

- Clinical Symptoms have been updated to streamline the symptoms of COVID-19, categorized into 'common' and 'less common' symptoms.
- The content under Transmission has been revised into 2 categories: Human to Human Transmission and Zoonotic Transmission. Content within Zoonotic Transmission has been updated to include transmission from mink to humans reported in the Netherlands.
- A new appendix has been added: Appendix 4: COVID-19 outbreak management in school and daycare settings.





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