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Administrative Circular: 2022:50

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: *Haemophilus influenzae* type b**

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***Haemophilus influenzae* type b**

- 3.0 EPIDEMIOLOGY has been updated to remove 'Indigenous ethnicity' as a risk factor, and indicate that Indigenous peoples are disproportionately affected by *Haemophilus influenzae* disease because of longstanding inequities related to the social determinants of health due to the impacts of colonization. The footnoted reference to the *Summary of the Final Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada* has been added.
- 6.0 CONTACT MANAGEMENT has been updated to clarify that this section only applies to contacts of a case of invasive *Haemophilus influenzae* **type b** disease. Secondary cases caused by non-type b or non-typeable *Haemophilus influenzae* strains are rare and chemoprophylaxis is not recommended for contacts of invasive non-type b *Haemophilus influenzae* disease.
- 7.0 STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION OF CHEMOPROPHYLACTIC DRUGS has been updated to include a link to the BCCDC Pharmacy webpage for the medication order form.

Please remove entire section: dated November 2022

Please add new section: dated December 2022

A new resource, [Strategies to Prevent COVID-19 and Influenza Vaccine Errors](#), has been created. This resource is a compilation of strategies from all Health Authorities and is based on documents from the Institute for Safe Medication Practices Canada. It can be found on the [COVID-19 vaccination toolkit for health professionals](#) under the Management of inadvertent COVID-19 vaccine errors drop-down.

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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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