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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: Interim Public Health Guidelines for H5N1 Avian Influenza Outbreak

Avian Influenza

Updates include:

- The recommendation to notify the BCCDC Medical Microbiologist on-call has been added when sending a sample to the BCCDC Public Health Laboratory from someone with a known avian influenza exposure.
- Content related to the 2021-22 influenza vaccine has been removed. The 2022-23 influenza vaccine should be offered to people working with live poultry per routine [Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Eligibility](#), to reduce the potential for human-avian re-assortment of genes should such workers become co-infected with human and avian influenza.

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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