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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

Changes have been made to the case definitions to bring them in line with the national case definitions.

Haemophilus Influenzae type b:

- “Demonstration of H. influenzae type b antigen in cerebrospinal fluid” has been moved from the confirmed to the probable case definition
- “Demonstration of H. influenzae DNA in a normally sterile site” has been added to the probable case definition

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Invasive Group A Streptococcal Disease:

- “When fetal demise occurs in association with a puerperal infection, isolation of group A streptococcus from the placenta, amniotic fluid and/or endometrium is also considered confirmatory for both the mother and the fetus” was added to the confirmed case definition to facilitate capture of puerperal cases
- A puerperal case is defined as iGAS occurring within 7 days of hospital discharge or giving birth
- “Positive group A streptococcus antigen detection” was added to the probable case definition to bring it in line with the national case definition
- Pages 10 through 14 have been updated with corrected hyperlinks to case report forms as well as updated fax numbers.

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Meningococcal Disease

- “Non-confirmatory laboratory evidence” is now required to meet the probable case definition to bring it in line with the national case definition
- “Gram-negative diplococci in the CSF” was added as a type of non-confirmatory laboratory evidence to facilitate capture of cases started on antibiotics before laboratory specimens obtained
- Pages 12 and 18 have been updated with corrected hyperlinks to case report forms as well as updated fax numbers.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Christine Halpert, Senior Practice Leader for Immunization at telephone (604) 707-2555, fax (604) 707-2515 or by email at Christine.halpert@bccdc.ca.

Sincerely,



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