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**ATTN:** Medical Health Officers and Branch Offices  
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**Re: Update to Chapter 1: Communicable Diseases, Part 4 – Biological Products**

**The main changes are:**

1. The link for PICNET'S monkeypox-specific IPC guidance for all healthcare settings has been added.
2. The PHO has amended the notice of duty to report all suspected cases of monkeypox to public health; it is no longer required to report suspected cases. See the Reporting Requirements section for further details.
3. Content related to Inter-Jurisdictional Notification (IJN) has been updated to provide further clarity regarding reporting IJNs to BCCDC.
4. Content related to Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) indication has been added.
5. Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) guidance for medium risk contacts has been updated.
  - a. PEP is generally not required unless risk assessment suggests a significant exposure that is compatible with current evidence of transmission.
6. Appendix 1: Evidence Summary Regarding Zoonotic Transmission and Monkeypox in Animals has been updated.
  - a. Animal health goals have been outlined.
  - b. Animal health recommendations have been updated. Monkeypox in any animal species is now deemed a reportable disease in BC; veterinarians or animal owners must report any animal exposed, possibly infected with or testing positive for monkeypox.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sarra Lewis Vena, Clinical Nurse Educator, BCCDC (telephone: 604-813-6084 / email: [sarra.lewisvena@bccdc.ca](mailto:sarra.lewisvena@bccdc.ca)).

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