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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)**

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

**Zoonotic Transmission**

- Updated to indicate that:
  - Outbreaks of SARS-CoV-2 in mink have been detected on mink farms in Europe (Denmark, the Netherlands, Spain) and in the United States (Utah).
  - Bats, dogs, non-human primates and rabbits have been added to the list of animals for which there is evidence of some level of susceptibility to infection with SARS-CoV-2.

**Appendix 3**

- Flight exposures: Case name and symptom onset date have been added to the information that should be sent to the BCCDC in the notification of a COVID-19 case on a flight.

**Appendix 4**

- Content has been broadened to include guidance related to COVID-19 exposure, cluster, & outbreak management in school and daycares.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Stephanie Meier, Senior Practice Leader, BCCDC (telephone: 604-707-2577 / email: [stephanie.meier@bccdc.ca](mailto:stephanie.meier@bccdc.ca)).

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