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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: COVID-19 Interim Guidelines

Please replace the following section from the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 1: Communicable Disease Control: COVID-19 Interim Guidelines (January 21, 2022) with the COVID-19 Interim Guidelines (February 17, 2022).

The main changes are:

1. The recommendations for ceasing isolation of cases that are not under a federal quarantine order (found in Table 1a) have been revised to indicate that individuals with severe or critical illness, and those who are moderately to severely immune compromised, are no longer required to isolate for an extended period of time (i.e., previously recommended at least 20 days) in community settings. Such individuals can cease isolation per the guidance for the general population:
 - **Fully immunized individuals and individuals < 18 years of age regardless of vaccination status** can cease isolation after 5 days from onset of symptoms (or test date for asymptomatic cases), provided fever has resolved for 24 hours and symptoms have improved.
 - **Unimmunized or partially immunized individuals \geq 18 years of age** can cease isolation after 10 days from onset of symptoms (or test date for asymptomatic cases), provided fever has resolved for 24 hours and symptoms have improved.
2. The list of 'high priority settings' has been removed from the CONTACT MANAGEMENT section as Public Health is no longer facilitating routine case notification or contact tracing. Public Health will continue to provide consultation as well as leadership with cluster and outbreak management.

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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