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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

Ebola Virus Disease

Please note the addition to the following section from the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 1: Communicable Disease Control: British Columbia [Ebola Virus Disease \(EVD\) Case and Contact Investigation and Management Guidelines](#) (February 28, 2023).

This document replaces the previous version entitled British Columbia Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) Contact Investigation and Management Guideline (January 22, 2020) located on the OPHO website.

The main changes are:

- The new guidelines have been updated to include case investigation and management
 - Inclusion of EVD case definitions (confirmed and person under investigation)
 - Details on EVD's incubation period, transmission, period of communicability and recovery with associated references
 - Symptoms not listed in the PHAC case definition but which may be predictive of EVD (from a 2020 systematic review) have been added
- The contact classifications, definitions and public health management for contacts sections have been simplified
 - One standard table with recommendations around asymptomatic contact management has been created.
 - The stratification criteria of asymptomatic contacts as “high risk”, “at-risk” and “low risk” has been maintained
 - At-risk contact monitoring has been adjusted from “mandatory” to “active daily monitoring at the discretion of the MHO”
 - Recommended travel restrictions have been adjusted to make them more feasible

- The definition of an EVD-affected area has been aligned with the PHAC definition
- Updates to the EVD Quarantine to Local Public Health Information and Decision Flow Chart for Health Authorities to align with current practice, after discussions with VCH and PHAC Quarantine Service

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 604-707-5620 or Aamir.Bharmal@bccdc.ca

Sincerely,



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