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Re: New Communicable Disease Management Protocols and Tick-borne Disease Website

The following communicable disease management protocols are now available on the Manitoba Health Public Health website

http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/protocol/index.html

- Anaplasmosis
- Babesiosis
- Cyclosporiasis
- Q Fever

The Public Health branch has launched a new 'tick-borne diseases' website (<u>http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/tickborne/index.html</u>) to provide information regarding all three provincially reportable tick-borne diseases, Anaplasmsois, babesiosis and Lyme disease, to both health care providers and the general public. Information regarding blacklegged tick biology, risk area distribution, new protocols & forms and detailed prevention measures can be found on the website. A revised tick-borne disease clinical report form (<u>http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/surveillance/forms.html</u>), meant to replace the previous Lyme disease specific form, has also been developed and is intended for use with any subsequent public health follow up required for these reportable tick-borne diseases.

Please share this communication with all relevant colleagues in your facility or clinic.

As the prevention, management and control of communicable diseases requires the active participation and cooperation of all health care professionals and practitioners, your attention to this information is most appreciated.

Sincerely,

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