

Purpose

The purpose of this procedure is to guide reporting of suspected and confirmed communicable diseases to the appropriate governmental agency or authority.

General Guidelines

1. All reportable infectious diseases (residents' or employees') (see listing below) must be reported to the Infection Control Coordinator as soon as a definite diagnosis is made or strongly suspected. All staff must maintain strict confidentiality regarding a resident's/employee's medical record. The Infection Control Coordinator will be responsible for reporting Group A diseases to the county or state health department by telephone, telegraph, or in person within 24 hours of diagnosis. [Note: This list may vary between States. Please consult State-specific requirements for reportable diseases]

Group A

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| Botulism | Pericarditis |
| Cellulitis | Pertussis |
| Cholera | Poliomyelitis, paralytic |
| Diphtheria | Rabies, human and animal |
| Epiglottitis | Sepsis |
| Haemophilus Influenza | Septic Arthritis |
| Hepatitis A | Trichinosis |
| Listeriosis | Tuberculosis |
| Measles (rubeola) | Type B Pneumonia |
| Meningitis | Typhoid Fever |
| Neisseria meningitidis in blood or spinal fluid | Yellow Fever |
| Osteomyelitis | Outbreaks of Any Kind |

Group B

Group B diseases must be reported in writing to the county or state health department within 7 days of diagnosis.

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| Amebiasis | Leptospirosis |
| Anthrax, human | Lymphogranuloma venereum* |
| Brucellosis | Malaria |
| Campylobacteriosis | Meningitis, aseptic |
| Chancroid* | Mumps |
| Dengue fever | Psittacosis |
| Encephalitis, viral | Reye Syndrome |
| Giardiasis | Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever |
| Gonorrhea* | Rubella |
| Granuloma Inguinale* | Salmonellosis |
| Hepatitis B, other viral | Shigellosis |

