## **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

Botulism Pericarditis
Cellulitis Pertussis

Cholera Poliomyelitis, paralytic
Diphtheria Rabies, human and animal

Epiglottitis Sepsis

Haemophilus Influenza

Hepatitis A

Listeriosis

Measles (rubeola)

Meningitis

Neisseria meningitidis in blood or spinal fluid

Septic Arthritis

Trichinosis

Tuberculosis

Type B Pneumonia

Typhoid Fever

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.

Amebiasis Leptospirosis

Anthrax, human Lymphogranuloma venereum\*

Brucellosis Malaria

Campylobacteriosis Meningitis, aseptic

Chancroid\* Mumps
Dengue fever Psittacocis
Encephalitis, viral Reye Syndrome

Giardiasis Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever

Gonorrhea\* Rubella
Granuloma Inguinale\* Salmonellosis
Hepatitis B, other viral Shigellosis

# **General Guidelines** (continued)

Histoplasmosis Syphilis\* Human Immunodeficiency Virus Tetanus

Kawasaki disease Toxic Shock Syndrome

Legionellosis Tularemia Leprosy Vibrioses

- 2. When a disease has been reported to the county or state health department, the Infection Control Coordinator is responsible for maintaining an in-house report of such action.
- 3. The Infection Control Coordinator shall document when a resident's communicable disease is reported, including date and time.
- 4. Should the resident or employee reside in another county, the disease must be reported directly to the county of residence (if known). If such information is not known, the disease will be reported to the local county health department.
- 5. Cases of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) must be reported directly to the appropriate local health agency; for example, the STD Branch of the Public Health Department.

References		
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<sup>\*</sup> Sexually transmitted diseases. Use STD report card when reporting.