

Instructions for Reporting Communicable Diseases to the Arkansas Department of Health

The "Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Communicable Disease Control" adopted by the Arkansas State Board of Health in 1977 pursuant to the authority conferred by Act 96 of 1913 (Arkansas statutes, 1947, Section 82-110) Section III, states "The responsibility for reporting certain communicable diseases is the duty of EVERY physician, practitioner, nurse, superintendent or manager of a dispensary, hospital, clinic, nursing or extended care home and laboratory personnel examining human specimens resulting in the diagnosis of notifiable diseases or any person in attendance on a case of any disease or conditions declared notifiable."

The following diseases (*suspected or confirmed*) are to be reported immediately to the Arkansas Dept of Health. They are of special importance or may indicate a bioterrorism event.

Anthrax	Botulism	Hepatitis A	Meningococcal Inf.
Pertussis	Plague	Q Fever	SARS
Tularemia	Typhus	Viral Hemorrhagic Fevers	Emerging Threat Agents
			Smallpox

**TO REPORT DISEASES IMMEDIATELY VIA TELEPHONE,
CALL 501-661-2893 (Local/Pulaski Co.—8:00-4:30, M-F)
AFTER HOURS AND ON WEEKENDS, PLEASE CALL 1-800-554-5738**

The following diseases of public health significance are to be reported to the Arkansas Department of Health within 24 hours of diagnosis. Reports should include: 1) the reporter's name, location and phone number; 2) the name and onset date of the disease; 3) the patient's name, address, phone number, age, sex and race; 4) the attending physician's name, location and phone number; 5) any pertinent clinical, laboratory, and treatment information. Report by Fax to 501-661-2428; 24 hr. answering machine 800-482-8888; in person to 501-661-2893.

AIDS**
Blastomycosis
Brucellosis
CD4+ T-Lymphocyte Count
Campylobacteriosis
Chancroid
Chlamydial infections
Cholera
Congenital Rubella Syndrome
Congenital Syphilis
Creutzfeld-Jakob Disease
Cryptosporidiosis
Cyclosporiasis
Diphtheria
Ehrlichiosis
Encephalitis, all types
Enterotoxigenic E. coli
Food poisoning, all types
Giardiasis
Gonorrhea
Haemophilus influenzae, invasive disease
Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome
Hemolytic-Uremic Syndrome
HbsAg-positive pregnant female
Hepatitis (type A, B, C, or Unspecified)
Histoplasmosis
HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus)
Influenza (viral type, if known)
Influenza deaths in persons < 18 years old
Kawasaki Disease
Legionellosis

Leprosy (Hansen's disease)
Listeriosis
Lyme Disease
Malaria
Measles (Rubeola)
Meningitis
Mumps
Poliomyelitis
Psittacosis
Rabies, animal
Rabies, human
Rheumatic fever
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever
Rubella
Salmonellosis (including Typhoid)
Shigellosis
Streptococcal Disease, invasive, group A
Strep. Pneumoniae, Invasive,
Indicate if antibiotic resistant
Syphilis**
Tetanus
Toxic Shock Syndrome
Toxoplasmosis
Tuberculosis
Vancomycin-resistant enterococci
Varicella (chickenpox)
West Nile Virus
Yellow Fever

REPORTABLE OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES AND OTHER CONDITIONS

Asbestosis
Blood Lead Levels*
Byssinosis
Chemical Poisoning, All Types***
Pesticide Poisoning
Pneumoconiosis (Coal Workers)
Mesothelioma
Silicosis

REPORT ANY UNUSUAL DISEASES OR OUTBREAKS THAT MAY REQUIRE PUBLIC HEALTH ASSISTANCE

* Blood lead levels over 10 ug/dl for patients 14 years or younger and levels over 25 ug/dl for patients 15 years old and up.

** Any woman infected with AIDS, HIV or Syphilis, who is pregnant, must be so reported indicating the trimester of pregnancy. This applies each time the woman becomes pregnant

*** Includes chemical agents of terrorism

The following bacterial isolates must be submitted to the State Health Department Laboratory for further testing: *Neisseria meningitidis*; *Salmonella sp.*; *Enterotoxigenic E. coli*; *Listeria sp.*; *Staph. aureus*, vancomycin resistant or intermediate susceptible; outbreak-related *Campylobacter sp.* and *Shigella sp.*, or on request; *Haemophilus influenzae*(invasive).

**TO REPORT DISEASES IN THE SECOND LIST ABOVE, PLEASE CALL THE
NON-EMERGENCY DISEASE REPORTING SYSTEM, AT 1-800-482-8888 OR
FAX A DISEASE REPORT TO 1-501-661-2428**