

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Health and Hospitals
Office of Public Health

Sanitary Code—Reportable Diseases (Chapter II)

Under the authority of R.S. 40:5 and in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq, the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health proposes to amend Chapter II of the Louisiana Sanitary Code. This revised list of reportable diseases provides for the deletion of some diseases (anthrax, aseptic meningitis, brucellosis, diphtheria, erythema infectiousum [Fifth Disease], foodborne illness, genital warts, granuloma inguinale, herpes genitalis, leprosy, leptospirosis, ophthalmia neonatorum, plague, poliomyelitis, psittacosis, trichinosis, tularemia, typhus, yellow fever); the addition of other diseases (cryptosporidiosis, enterococcus infection resistant to vancomycin, staphylococcus aureus infection resistant to methicillin/oxacillin or vancomycin, streptococcus pneumoniae invasive infection resistant to penicillin, varicella [chickenpox]), and the further clarification of some diseases already on the reportable disease list (Haemophilus influenzae invasive infection, Neisseria meningitidis invasive infection, meningitis, other bacterial or fungal).

This action has become necessary as a result of the recognition of new and emerging diseases of public health importance and the need to simplify the list so that medical providers can focus on diseases that are actively tracked epidemiologically and diseases for which there is an active prevention program. Diseases that are being removed from the list are those for which diagnostic criteria are not well defined (such as “foodborne illness”), diseases which may represent chronic or recurrent condition with uncertain onset dates (such as herpes genitalis), and extremely rare communicable diseases in Louisiana (such as plague). Additionally, this last group of diseases will still be reported under the requirement listed above which states “... all cases of rare or exotic communicable diseases and all outbreaks shall be reported”.

Chapter II

The Control of Disease

- 2:003** The following diseases are hereby declared reportable:
- Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)
 - Amebiasis
 - Arthropod-borne encephalitis (Specify type)
 - Blastomycosis
 - Botulism*
 - Campylobacteriosis
 - Chancroid**
 - Chlamydial infection**
 - Cholera*
 - Cryptosporidiosis
 - Enterococcus infection; resistant to vancomycin)
 - Escherichia coli 0157:H7
 - Gonorrhea**
 - Haemophilus influenzae (invasive infection)
 - Hemolytic-Uremic Syndrome
 - Hepatitis, Acute (A,B,C, Other)
 - Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infection****
 - Legionellosis
 - Lyme disease
 - Lymphogranuloma venereum**
 - Malaria
 - Measles (rubeola)*
 - Meningitis, other bacterial or fungal
 - Mumps
 - Mycobacteriosis, atypical***
 - Neisseria meningitidis (invasive infection)

Pertussis
 Rabies (animal and man)
 Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF)
 Rubella (congenital syndrome)
 Salmonellosis
 Shigellosis
 Staphylococcus aureus (infection; resistant to methicillin/
 oxacillin or vancomycin)
 Streptococcus pneumoniae (invasive infection; resistant to penicillin)
 Syphilis**
 Tetanus
 Tuberculosis***
 Typhoid fever
 Varicella (chickenpox)
 Vibrio infections (excluding cholera)

Report cases on green EPI-2430 card unless indicated otherwise below.

*Report suspected cases immediately by telephone. In addition, report all cases of rare or exotic communicable diseases and all outbreaks.

**Report on STD-43 form. Report syphilis cases with active lesions by telephone.

***Report on CDC 72.5 (f5.2431) card

All reportable diseases and conditions other than the venereal diseases, tuberculosis and those conditions followed by asterisks should be reported on an EPI-2430 card and forwarded to the local parish health unit or the Epidemiology Section, P.O. Box 60630, New Orleans, Louisiana 70160, phone 1-800-256-2748 or FAX 504-568-3206.

Other Reportable Conditions

Cancer
 Complications of abortion
 Congenital hypothyroidism*****
 Galactosemia*****
 Hemophilia*****
 Lead poisoning
 Phenylketonuria*****
 Severe traumatic head injury****
 Severe traumatic head injury****
 Severe undernutrition (severe anemia, failure to thrive)
 Sickle cell disease (newborns)*****
 Spinal cord injury****
 Sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS)

Report cases on an EPI-2430 card unless indicated otherwise below:

****Report on DDP3 form; preliminary telephone report from emergency room encouraged (504) 568-2509.

*****Report to the Louisiana Genetic Diseases Program Office by telephone (504) 568-5070 or FAX (504) 568-7722.

Interested persons may submit written comments or questions to: Dr. Louise McFarland, State Epidemiologist, Epidemiology Section, Office of Public Health, Department of Health and Hospitals, Box 60630, New Orleans, LA, 70160.

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Secretary

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RULE TITLE: Sanitary Code—Reportable Diseases

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL

GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

There are no implementation costs to state or local units in implementation of this rule.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

There will be no impact on revenue collections of state or local governmental units.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

It is anticipated that there will be an increase in the number of reports submitted, therefore any related costs are negligible.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

There is no estimated effect on competition and employment as a result of this rule change.

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