

(Effective until January 1, 2023)

WAC 246-101-510 Means of notification. (1) Local health departments shall notify the department immediately by telephone or secure electronic data transmission of any case or suspected case of:

- (a) Botulism;
- (b) Cholera;
- (c) Diphtheria;
- (d) Disease of suspected bioterrorism origin (including, but not limited to, anthrax);
- (e) Emerging condition with outbreak potential;
- (f) Influenza, novel strain;
- (g) Measles;
- (h) Paralytic shellfish poisoning;
- (i) Plague;
- (j) Poliomyelitis;
- (k) Rabies, human;
- (l) SARS;
- (m) Smallpox;
- (n) Tularemia;
- (o) Viral hemorrhagic fever; and
- (p) Yellow fever.

(2) Immediate notifications of cases and suspected cases shall include:

- (a) Patient name;
- (b) Patient's notifiable condition; and
- (c) Condition onset date.

(3) For each case of any condition notifiable to the local health department, submit to the department case report either on a form provided by the department or in a format approved by the department. Case reports must be sent by secure electronic transmission or telephone within seven days of completing the case investigation. If the case investigation is not complete within twenty-one days of notification, pertinent information collected from the case investigation must be sent to the department and shall include:

- (a) Patient name;
- (b) Patient's notifiable condition or suspected condition;
- (c) Source or suspected source; and
- (d) Condition onset date.

(4) Local health officials will report asymptomatic HIV infection cases to the department according to a standard code developed by the department.

(5) When notified of an outbreak or suspected outbreak of illness due to an infectious agent or toxin, the local health department shall:

- (a) Notify the department immediately by telephone or secure electronic data transmission.
- (b) Include in the initial notification:
 - (i) Organism or suspected organism;
 - (ii) Source or suspected source; and
 - (iii) Number of persons affected.

(c) Within seven days of completing the outbreak investigation, submit to the department a report on forms provided by the department or in a format approved by the department. The department may waive this requirement if telephone or secure electronic data transmission provided pertinent information.

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(Effective January 1, 2023)

WAC 246-101-510 Means of notification—Local health officer or local health jurisdiction. (1) A local health jurisdiction shall:

(a) Maintain a twenty-four-hour telephone number to receive confirmation calls of case reports or laboratory reports submitted under this chapter for:

(i) Immediately notifiable conditions; and

(ii) Conditions designated as notifiable within twenty-four hours.

(b) Notify the department immediately using either telephone or secure electronic data transmission:

(i) Upon receiving a case report or laboratory report for a condition that is immediately notifiable to the local health jurisdiction under this chapter, excluding Meningococcal disease, invasive (*Neisseria meningitidis*); Shiga toxin-producing *E. coli* (STEC)/enterohemorrhagic *E. coli*; and Vaccinia; and

(ii) Of an outbreak or suspected outbreak within their jurisdiction;

(c) Notify the department using a secure electronic disease surveillance system within three business days of receiving a case report or laboratory report for a condition that is not immediately notifiable to the local health jurisdiction under this chapter;

(d) If after submitting a notification to the department, the local health officer determines no further investigation is necessary, indicate in the secure electronic disease surveillance system that no further investigation is warranted within three business days of the determination.

(e) Immediately reassign cases to the department upon determining the patient who is the subject of the case:

(i) Is a resident of another local health jurisdiction; or

(ii) Resides outside Washington state.

(f) Submit an investigation report to the department using a secure electronic disease surveillance system for each case report or laboratory report received by the local health jurisdiction for which the local health officer determined an investigation was necessary:

(i) Within seven days of completing the investigation for any condition notifiable to the local health jurisdiction; or

(ii) Within twenty-one days of receiving the case report or laboratory report if the investigation is not complete.

(g) Submit an outbreak report to the department using secure electronic data transmission within seven days of completing an outbreak investigation. The department may waive this requirement if notification under (b)(ii) of this subsection provided sufficient information.

(2) The local health officer shall confirm that each case is based on clinical criteria, or laboratory criteria, or both prior to submitting the investigation report to the department. These criteria include, but are not limited to, the Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention, National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System, Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists case definitions.

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