

(Effective until January 1, 2023)

WAC 246-101-405 Responsibilities of veterinarians. (1) Veterinarians shall:

(a) Notify the local health officer of the jurisdiction in which the human resides of any suspected human case or suspected human outbreak based on the human's exposure to a confirmed animal case of any disease listed in Table V-1 of this section:

Table V-1 (Conditions Notifiable by Veterinarians)

Notifiable Condition	Time Frame for Notification	Notifiable to Local Health Department
Anthrax	Immediately	√
Arboviral Disease	Within 24 hours	√
Brucellosis (<i>Brucella</i> species)	Within 24 hours	√
<i>Burkholderia mallei</i> (Glanders)	Immediately	√
Disease of suspected bioterrorism origin (including but not limited to anthrax)	Immediately	√
E. coli - Refer to "Shiga toxin-producing <i>E. coli</i> "	Immediately	√
Emerging condition with outbreak potential	Immediately	√
Influenza virus, novel or unsubtypeable strain	Immediately	√
Leptospirosis	Within 24 hours	√
Plague	Immediately	√
Psittacosis	Within 24 hours	√
Q Fever	Within 24 hours	√
Rabies (suspected human or animal)	Immediately	√
Shiga toxin-producing <i>E. coli</i> infections (enterohemorrhagic <i>E. coli</i> including, but not limited to, <i>E. coli</i> O157:H7)	Immediately	√
Tularemia	Immediately	√

(√) Indicates that the condition is notifiable to the local health department.

(b) Cooperate with public health authorities in the investigation of cases, suspected cases, outbreaks, and suspected outbreaks of zoonotic disease.

(c) Cooperate with public health authorities in the implementation of infection control measures including isolation and quarantine.

(d) Comply with requirements in chapter 16-70 WAC for submitting positive specimens and isolates for specific diseases, and provide information requested by the department or local health jurisdiction.

(2) The department of health shall:

(a) Coordinate with the state veterinarian at the department of agriculture to develop, maintain, and implement a procedure for notifying the department of animal cases of the conditions listed in Table V-1 of this section.

(b) Notify the local health jurisdiction of reported animal cases of the conditions in Table V-1 of this section.

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WAC 246-101-405 Duties—Veterinarians. (1) A veterinarian shall cooperate with public health authorities in their:

(a) Investigation of human and animal cases, outbreaks, suspected outbreaks, and clusters of zoonotic disease; and

(b) Implementation of infection control measures.

(2) Cooperation with public health authorities includes, but is not limited to:

(a) Providing information requested by the department or local health jurisdiction; and

(b) Following infection control measures for:

(i) Humans under chapter 246-100 WAC;

(ii) Dogs, cats, ferrets, and hybrids under WAC 246-100-197; and

(iii) Other animals under chapter 16.36 RCW.

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