

WAC 246-101-605 Duties of the department of health. (1) The department shall:

(a) Provide consultation and technical assistance to local health departments and the department of labor and industries investigating notifiable conditions reports upon request.

(b) Provide consultation and technical assistance to health care providers, laboratories, health care facilities, and others required to make notifications to public health authorities of notifiable conditions upon request.

(c) Develop, maintain, and make available for local health departments guidance on investigation and control measures for notifiable communicable disease conditions.

(d) Develop and make available forms for the submission of notifiable conditions data to local health departments, health care providers, laboratories, health care facilities, and others required to make notifications to public health authorities of notifiable conditions.

(e) Maintain a twenty-four hour telephone number for reporting notifiable conditions.

(f) Develop routine data dissemination mechanisms that describe and analyze notifiable conditions case investigations and data. These may include annual and monthly reports and other mechanisms for data dissemination as developed by the department.

(g) Conduct investigations and institute control measures as necessary.

(h) Document the known environmental, human, and other variables associated with a case or suspected case of pesticide poisoning.

(i) Report the results of the pesticide investigation to the principal health care provider named in the case report form and to the local health officer in whose jurisdiction the exposure has occurred.

(2) The department may:

(a) Negotiate alternate arrangements for meeting reporting requirements under this chapter through cooperative agreement between the department and any health care provider, laboratory, or health care facility.

(b) Consolidate reporting for notifiable conditions from any health care provider, laboratory, or health care facility, and relieve that health care provider, laboratory, or health care facility from reporting directly to each local health department, if the department can provide the report to the local health department within the same time as the local health department would have otherwise received it.

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