

WAC 246-101-220 Means of notification for positive preliminary test results and positive final test results. Laboratory directors shall adhere to the following timelines and procedures:

(1) Conditions designated as immediately notifiable must be reported to the local health officer or the department, as specified in Table Lab-1 of WAC 246-101-201, immediately at the time of positive preliminary test result or positive final test result. This applies twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Each local health jurisdiction, as well as the department, maintains after-hours emergency telephone contacts for this purpose. A party sending notification by secure facsimile copy or secure electronic transmission during normal business hours must confirm immediate receipt by a live person.

(2) Conditions designated as notifiable within twenty-four hours must be reported to the local health officer or the department, as specified in Table Lab-1 of WAC 246-101-201, within twenty-four hours of positive preliminary test result or positive final test result, seven days a week. Reports during normal public health business hours may be sent by secure electronic transmission, telephone, or secure facsimile copy of a case report. A party sending a report outside of normal public health business hours must use the after-hours emergency phone contact for the appropriate jurisdiction.

(3) Conditions designated as notifiable within two business days must be reported to the local health officer or the department, as specified in Table Lab-1 of WAC 246-101-201, within two business days. Notification may be sent by secure electronic transmission, telephone, or secure facsimile copy of a case report; and

(4) Conditions designated as notifiable on a monthly basis must be reported to the local health officer or the department, as specified in Table Lab-1 of WAC 246-101-201, on a monthly basis. Notification may be sent by written case report, secure electronic transmission, telephone, or secure facsimile copy of a case report.

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