

WAC 246-101-310 Means of notification. Health care facilities 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 HF-1 immediately at the time of diagnosis or suspected diagnosis. This applies twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Each local health jurisdiction, as well as the department, maintains after-hours emergency phone contacts for this purpose. A party sending notification by secure facsimile copy or secure electronic transmission during normal public health 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 HF-1 of WAC 246-101-301, within twenty-four hours of diagnosis or suspected diagnosis, 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 telephone contact for the appropriate jurisdiction;

(3) Conditions designated as notifiable within three business days must be reported to the local health officer or the department as specified in Table HF-1 of WAC 246-101-301 within three business days. Notification may be sent by written case report, 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 HF-1 of WAC 246-101-301 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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