NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
COMMUNICABLE DISEASE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Reporting of suspected or confirmed communicable diseases is mandated under the New York State Sanitary Code (10NYCRR 2.10).

The primary responsibility for reporting rests with the physician; moreover, laboratories (PHL 2102), school nurses (10NYCRR 2.12), day care center directors, nursing homes/hospitals (10NYCRR 405.3d) and state institutions (10NYCRR 2.10a) or other locations providing health services (10NYCRR 2.12) are also required to report the diseases listed below.

- Amebiasis
- Animal bites for which rabies prophylaxis is given
- Anthrax
- Arboviral infection
- Botulism
- Brucellosis
- Cholera
- Cryptosporidiosis
- Cyclosporiasis
- Diphtheria
- E. coli O157:H7 infection
- Ehrlichiosis/Anaplasmosis
- Encephalitis
- Foodborne illness
- Giardiasis
- Glanders
- Hantavirus disease
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B in a food handler
- Herpes infection, infants aged 60 days or younger
- Hospital associated infections (as defined in section 2.2 10NYCRR)
- Influenza, laboratory-confirmed
- Legionellosis
- Lyme disease
- Lymphogranuloma venereum
- Malaria
- Measles
- Meningitis
- Meningococcal Other (specify type)
- Meningococcemia
- Monkeypox
- Mumps
- Pertussis
- Plague
- Poliomyelitis
- Psittacosis
- Q Fever
- Rabies
- Rocky Mountain spotted fever
- Rubella
- Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)
- Shigatoxin-producing ecoli
- Shigellosis
- Smallpox
- Staphylococcus aureus
- (due to strains showing reduced susceptibility or resistance to vancomycin)
- Staphylococcal enterotoxin B poisoning
- Streptococcal infection (invasive disease)
- Group A beta-hemolytic strep
- Salmonellosis
- Group B strep
- Streptococcus pneumoniae
- Syphilis, specify stage
- Tetanus
- Toxocarasis
- Transmissible spongiform encephalopathies
- Trichinosis
- Tuberculosis current disease (specify site)
- Typhoid
- Vibriosis
- Vaccinia disease
- Viral hemorrhagic fever
- Yersiniosis

1. Local health department must be notified prior to initiating rabies prophylaxis.
2. Diseases that are possible indicators of bioterrorism.
3. Including, but not limited to, infections caused by eastern equine encephalitis virus, western equine encephalitis virus, West Nile virus, St. Louis encephalitis virus, La Crosse virus, Powassan virus, Jamestown Canyon virus, dengue and yellow fever.
4. Positive shigatoxin test results should be reported as presumptive evidence of disease.
5. Only report cases with positive cultures from skin, salina, sputum or throat.
6. Proposed addition to list.
7. Any non-treponemal test ≥ 1:16 or any positive primary or secondary stage disease or prenatal or delivery test result regardless of titer should be reported by phone; all others may be reported by mail.
8. Including Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. Cases should be reported directly to the New York State Department of Health Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias Registry at (518) 473-7817 upon suspicion of disease. In NYC, cases should also be reported to the NYCDOHMH.
9. Persons with vaccinia infection due to contact transmission, and persons with the following complications from vaccination: eczema vaccinatum, erythema multiforme major or Stevens-Johnson syndrome, fetal vaccinia, generalized vaccinia, inadvertent inoculation, ocular vaccinia, post-vaccinal encephalitis or encephalomyelitis, progressive vaccinia, pyogenic infection of the injection site, and any other serious adverse events.

WHO SHOULD REPORT?
Physicians, nurses, laboratory directors, infection control practitioners, health care facilities, state institutions, schools.

WHERE SHOULD REPORT BE MADE?
Report to local health department where patient resides.

Contact Person __________________________
Name/Address __________________________________________________________

Phone __________________________
Fax __________________________

WHEN SHOULD REPORT BE MADE?
Within 24 hours of diagnosis:
- phone diseases in bold type,
- mail case report, DOH-389, for all other diseases.
- in New York City use form PD-16.

For more information on disease reporting, call your local health department or the New York State Department of Health Bureau of Communicable Disease Control at (518) 473-4439 or (866) 881-2809 after hours. In New York City, 1 (866) NYC-DOH1. To obtain reporting forms (DOH-389), call (518) 474-0548.