



Diseases of Public Health Significance

The Diseases of Public Health Significance List outlines communicable diseases that must be reported by physicians, laboratories, administrators of hospitals, schools and institutions to the local Medical Officer of Health according to the [Health Protection and Promotion Act R.S.O. 1990, c. H.7.](#) and its regulations, including [Regulation 135/18](#) and [Regulation 569](#). The [Personal Health Information Act \(PHIPA\)](#) explicitly allows health care providers to disclose information to the local Medical Officer of Health for purposes.

DISEASES REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED BY TELEPHONE IMMEDIATELY:

[Anthrax](#)
[Botulism](#)
[Brucellosis](#)
[Cholera](#)
[Clostridium difficile infection \(CDI\)](#)
 outbreaks in public hospitals
 Coronaviruses; including
 i. Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS),
 ii. Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS), and
 iii. Coronavirus disease (COVID-19).
[Cryptosporidiosis](#)
 Cyclosporiasis
[Diphtheria](#)
 Encephalitis, primary, viral
[Food Poisoning, all causes](#)
[Gastroenteritis, outbreaks in institutional and public hospitals](#)
[Giardiasis, except asymptomatic cases](#)
[Group A Streptococcal Disease, invasive \(iGAS\)](#)

Haemophilus influenzae disease, all types, invasive
 Hantavirus pulmonary syndrome
[Hemorrhagic Fevers, including,](#)
 i. Ebola virus disease
 ii. Marburg virus disease
 iii. Lassa fever
 iv. Other viral causes.
[Hepatitis A, viral](#)
 Lassa Fever
[Legionellosis](#)
[Listeriosis](#)
[Measles](#)
 Meningitis, acute,
 i. [Bacterial](#)
 ii. Viral
[Meningococcal Disease, invasive](#)
[Mumps](#)
[Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning \(PSP\)](#)
 Paratyphoid Fever

[Pertussis \(Whooping Cough\)](#)
[Plague](#)
 Poliomyelitis, acute
[Q Fever](#)
[Rabies](#)
 Respiratory infection outbreaks in institutions and public hospitals
[Rubella](#)
 Rubella, congenital syndrome
[Shigellosis](#)
[Smallpox](#)
 i. Monkeypox
 Tetanus
 Tularemia
[Typhoid Fever](#)
[Verotoxin-producing E. coli infection](#)
 including Haemolytic Uraemic Syndrome (HUS)
[West Nile Virus Illness](#)

DISEASES REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED BY THE NEXT BUSINESS DAY:

[Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome \(AIDS\)](#)
[Acute Flaccid Paralysis \(AFP\)](#)
 Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFI)
[Amebiasis](#)
 Blastomycosis
[Campylobacter enteritis](#)
 Carbapenamse-producing Enterobacteriaceae (CPE), colonization or infection
[Chancroid](#)
[Chickenpox \(Varicella\)](#)
[Chlamydia trachomatis](#)

Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease, all types
 Echinococcus multiloculari infection
 Encephalitis, including,
 i. Post-infectious
 ii. Vaccine-related
 iii. Subacute sclerosing panencephalitis
 iv. Unspecified
[Gonorrhea](#)
 Group B Streptococcal Disease, neonatal
[Hepatitis B, viral](#)
[Hepatitis C, viral](#)
[Influenza](#)
 Ophthalmia neonatorum
[Leprosy](#)

[Lyme Disease](#)
 Meningitis, acute,
 i. Bacterial
 ii. Viral
 iii. Other
[Pneumococcal disease, invasive](#)
 Psittacosis/Ornithosis
[Salmonellosis](#)
[Syphilis](#)
[Trichinosis](#)
[Tuberculosis](#)
 i. Active Disease
 ii. Latent Infection (LTBI).
[Yersiniosis](#)