

# DISEASE REPORTING

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LABORATORIES

Under the *Public Health Act 1991* and Regulation, laboratories are required to notify the following diseases

## BY PHONE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

- Avian Influenza
- Botulism
- Cholera
- Diphtheria
- Flavivirus infection
- *Haemophilus influenzae* type b invasive infections
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis E
- Legionella infection
- Lyssavirus
- Measles
- Meningococcal disease
- Pertussis
- Plague
- Poliomyelitis
- Rabies
- Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)
- Smallpox
- Tularaemia
- Typhus (epidemic)
- Verotoxin-producing *Escherichia coli* infections
- Viral haemorrhagic fever
- Yellow fever

## BY PHONE OR MAIL

- Anthrax
- Arboviral infection
- Brucellosis
- Chancroid
- Chlamydia
- Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD)
- variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (vCJD)
- Cryptosporidiosis
- Giardiasis
- Gonorrhoea
- Granuloma inguinale (Donovanosis)
- Hepatitis B
- Hepatitis C
- Hepatitis D (Delta)
- HIV (by HIV Reference Laboratory direct to NSW Health)
- Influenza
- Invasive pneumococcal infection
- Lead levels in blood >0.72 mMol/l (15mg/dl)
- Leptospirosis
- Listeriosis
- Lymphogranuloma venereum (LGV)
- Malaria
- Mumps
- Psittacosis
- Q fever
- Rubella
- Salmonellosis
- Shigellosis
- Syphilis
- Tuberculosis

## NOTIFICATION MECHANISMS

**Please initiate case notification within 24 hours of diagnosis**

Notifications should be directed to the local Public Health Unit, except for HIV, which is notifiable only by reference laboratories direct to Communicable Diseases Branch, NSW Department of Health.

Laboratories should provide information specified in the Laboratory Notification form, either by phone or in writing.

In order to protect patient confidentiality, notifications must not be made by facsimile machine except in exceptional circumstances and when confidentiality is ensured.

**All notifications are strictly confidential**

Infectious diseases notification forms are available from your local Public Health Unit and can be found at: [www.health.nsw.gov.au/infect/notify.html](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/infect/notify.html)