

# DISEASE REPORTING

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**DOCTORS**

Under the *Public Health Act 2010* and Regulation, doctors are required to notify the following diseases

## **URGENT: BY PHONE as soon as possible**

- Avian Influenza
- COVID-19
- Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD) variant
- Foodborne illness (greater than 2 linked cases)
- Gastroenteritis (in an institution)
- Measles
- Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV)
- Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)
- Smallpox
- Viral haemorrhagic fevers

## **ROUTINE: By Phone or Mail**

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| • Acute rheumatic fever                | • Rheumatic heart disease - (less than 35 years of age) |
| • Acute viral hepatitis                | • Silicosis   |
| • Adverse event following immunisation | • Syphilis  |
| • Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD)      | • Tuberculosis  |
| • HIV                                  |   |
| • Leprosy                              |   |
| • Pertussis                            |   |

## **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 reported on the HIV Notification form directly to Communicable Diseases Branch, NSW Ministry of Health.

Doctors and hospital chief executive officers (or their delegate) should provide information specified in the Doctor/Hospital Notification form, either by telephone or in writing.

### **All notifications are strictly confidential**

In order to protect patient confidentiality, notifications should only be made by facsimile machine to a designated public health unit line.

Infectious diseases notification forms are available from your local Public Health Unit and can be found at: <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/Pages/notification.aspx>

