

# DISEASE REPORTING

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LABORATORIES

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

## URGENT: BY PHONE, AND IN WRITING (electronic or paper)

- Avian Influenza
- Botulism
- Cholera
- COVID-19
- variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (vCJD)
- Diphtheria
- *Haemophilus influenzae* type b invasive infections
- Hendra virus
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis E
- Legionella infection
- Listeriosis
- Lyssavirus
- Measles
- Meningococcal disease
- Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-CoV)
- Paratyphoid
- Plague
- Poliomyelitis
- Rabies
- Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)
- Smallpox
- Tularaemia
- Typhoid
- Typhus (epidemic)
- Shiga toxin/verotoxin producing *Escherichia coli* infections (STEC/VTEC)
- Viral haemorrhagic fever
- Yellow fever

## ROUTINE: IN WRITING (electronic or paper)

- Anthrax
- Arboviral infection
- Brucellosis
- Campylobacter
- *Candida auris* infection and colonisation
- Carbapenemase-producing *Enterobacteriales* infection or colonisation (CPE)
- Chancroid
- Chlamydia
- Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD)
- 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  $\geq 5\mu\text{g/dl}$  ( $\geq 0.24\mu\text{mol/L}$ )
- Leptospirosis
- Lymphogranuloma venereum (LGV)
- Malaria
- Mumps
- Pertussis
- Psittacosis
- Q fever
- Rotavirus
- 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 Ministry of Health.
- CPE and *Candida auris* should be notified within 24 hours directly to Communicable Diseases Branch by secure fax (02) 9391 9189.

Information specified in the **Laboratory Notification Form** must be provided in writing (either through electronic transfer, fax, or mail) as well as by phone for

conditions of public health significance listed as URGENT above.

### 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>

