

DISEASES

OF PUBLIC HEALTH SIGNIFICANCE

Timely reporting can help minimize the spread of communicable diseases.

If you suspect, or have confirmation of, any of the below named diseases or their etiologic agents specified in O. Reg. 135/18 Designation of Diseases under the Health Protection and Promotion Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. H.7, please report this to the local Medical Officer of Health.

To report:  905-546-2063  905-546-4078

See reverse for reporting timelines

Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS)	iv. Subacute sclerosing panencephalitis	Ophthalmia neonatorum
Acute Flaccid Paralysis	v. Unspecified	Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning
Amebiasis	Food poisoning, all causes	Paratyphoid Fever
Anaplasmosis	Gastroenteritis, outbreaks in institutions and public hospitals	Pertussis (Whooping Cough)
Anthrax	Giardiasis, except asymptomatic cases	Plague
Babesiosis	Gonorrhea	Pneumococcal disease, invasive
Blastomycosis	Group A Streptococcal disease, invasive	Poliomyelitis, acute
Botulism	Group B Streptococcal disease, neonatal	Powassan virus
Brucellosis	Haemophilus influenza disease, all types, invasive	Psittacosis/Ornithosis
Campylobacter enteritis	Hantavirus pulmonary syndrome	Q Fever
Carbapenemase-producing Enterobacteriaceae (CPE), infection or colonization	Hemorrhagic fevers, including,	Rabies
Chancroid	i. Ebola virus disease	Respiratory infection outbreaks in institutions and public hospitals
Chickenpox (Varicella)	ii. Marburg virus disease	Rubella
Chlamydia trachomatis infections	iii. Lassa fever, and other viral causes	Rubella, congenital syndrome
Cholera	Hepatitis A, viral	Salmonellosis
Clostridium difficile infection (CDI) outbreaks in public hospitals	Hepatitis B, viral	Shigellosis
Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease, all types	Hepatitis C, viral	Smallpox and other orthopoxviruses, including Mpox
Cryptosporidiosis	Influenza	Syphilis
Cyclosporiasis	Legionellosis	Tetanus
Diphtheria	Leprosy	Trichinosis
Diseases caused by a novel coronavirus, including Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) and coronavirus disease (COVID-19)	Listeriosis	Tuberculosis
Echinococcus multilocularis infection	Lyme Disease	Tularemia
Encephalitis, including,	Measles	Typhoid Fever
i. Primary, viral	Meningitis, acute,	Verotoxin-producing E. coli infection, including Haemolytic Uraemic Syndrome (HUS)
ii. Post-infectious	i. bacterial	West Nile Virus Illness
iii. Vaccine-related	ii. viral	Yersiniosis
	iii. other	
	Meningococcal disease, invasive	
	Mumps	

Diseases of Public Health Significance, listed by reporting timelines

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Suspect and confirmed cases of the following diseases must be reported immediately by telephone (24/7) or fax (Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. only):

Anthrax	Group A Streptococcal disease, invasive	Meningococcal disease, invasive
Botulism		Plague
Brucellosis	Haemophilus influenzae disease, all types, invasive	Poliomyelitis, acute
Cholera	Hantavirus pulmonary syndrome	Q fever
Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, all types	Hemorrhagic fevers, including,	Rabies
Diphtheria	i. Ebola virus disease	Smallpox and other orthopoxviruses, including Mpox
Diseases caused by a novel coronavirus, including Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) and coronavirus disease (COVID-19)	ii. Marburg virus disease	
	iii. Lassa fever, and other viral causes	
	Measles	
	Meningitis, acute - bacterial	

Suspect and confirmed cases of the following diseases should be reported same day by phone (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. including weekends and holidays) or fax during business hours (Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). Cases between 4:30 p.m. and 8:30 a.m. can be reported the next day by phone:

Acute flaccid paralysis	Hepatitis A, viral	Rubella
Clostridium difficile infection (CDI) outbreaks in public hospitals	Hepatitis B, viral	Salmonellosis
Cryptosporidiosis	Legionellosis	Shigellosis
Cyclosporiasis	Listeriosis	Tularemia
Encephalitis - primary, viral	Meningitis, acute - viral, other	Typhoid fever
Food poisoning, all causes	Mumps	Verotoxin-producing E. coli infection, including Haemolytic Uraemic Syndrome (HUS)
Gastroenteritis, outbreaks in institutions and public hospitals	Paralytic shellfish poisoning	Yersiniosis
Giardiasis, except asymptomatic cases	Paratyphoid fever	
	Pertussis (whooping cough)	
	Respiratory infection outbreaks in institutions and public hospitals	

Suspect and confirmed cases of the following diseases should be reported no later than next business day by phone or fax:

Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS)	Encephalitis - post-infectious	Powassan virus
Amebiasis	Encephalitis - vaccine-related	Psittacosis/Ornithosis
Anaplasmosis	Encephalitis - subacute sclerosing panencephalitis	Rubella, congenital syndrome
Babesiosis	Encephalitis - unspecified	Syphilis
Blastomycosis	Gonorrhea	Tetanus
Campylobacter enteritis	Group B Streptococcal disease, neonatal	Trichinosis
Carbapenemase-producing Enterobacteriaceae (CPE), infection or colonization	Hepatitis C, viral	Tuberculosis
Chancroid	Influenza	West Nile Virus Illness
Chickenpox (varicella)	Leprosy	
Chlamydia trachomatis infections	Lyme Disease	
Echinococcus multilocularis infection	Ophthalmia neonatorum	
	Pneumococcal disease, invasive	