

Mission:

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Dear practitioners, hospitals and laboratories licensed in Florida:

Revisions have been made to the *Table of Reportable Diseases or Conditions to Be Reported*, Rule 64D-3.029, *Florida Administrative Code (FAC)*, **effective June 4, 2014. These changes affect you.**

All practitioners, hospitals and laboratories licensed in Florida are required to notify the Florida Department of Health (DOH) of diseases or conditions of public health significance under Section 381.0031, *Florida Statutes* and Chapter 64D-3, *FAC*. Practitioners, hospitals, medical facilities, laboratories, schools, nursing homes, state institutions or other locations providing health services are required to notify DOH of diseases or conditions and the associated laboratory test results listed in the *Table of Reportable Diseases or Conditions to Be Reported*, Rule 64D-3.029, *FAC*.

Revisions in 2014 were made in part to comply with the Governor's rule reduction initiative to simplify and streamline language in all administrative rules. Additional changes were made to reflect current public health needs for disease reporting and to align with national public health priorities.

A short description of the *revisions* to rule 64D-3.029, *FAC*, is included below. **The full text of the revised rule along with guidance documents for health care providers and laboratories are posted on the Disease Reporting Information for Health Care Providers and Laboratories website (<http://floridahealth.gov/diseasereporting>).** Disease reporting requirements differ for health care providers and laboratories.

Please report diseases and conditions of public health significance as listed in the *Table of Reportable Diseases or Conditions to Be Reported*, Rule 64D-3.029, *FAC* to your county health department. Visit <http://floridahealth.gov/chdepcontact> for county health department disease reporting contact information.

Summary of changes for general communicable diseases reporting effective June 4, 2014:

1. Added diseases and conditions to the list of reportable diseases and conditions:
 - a. Neonatal abstinence syndrome
2. Updated diseases and conditions on the list of reportable diseases and conditions:
 - a. Arboviral infections not otherwise listed: now explicitly listed as reportable
 - b. Possible exposure to herpes B virus: now explicitly listed as reportable (previously captured under possible exposure to rabies)
 - c. Vibriosis: now includes other closely related species *Photobacterium damsela* (formerly *Vibrio damsela*) and *Grimontia hollisae* (formerly *Vibrio hollisae*)
 - d. Rocky Mountain spotted fever: expanded to include all spotted fever rickettsioses

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3. Removed diseases from the list of reportable diseases and conditions:
 - a. Encephalitis, other (non-arboviral)
 - b. Endemic typhus fever (*Rickettsia typhi*)
 - c. Invasive streptococcal disease, group A
 - d. *Staphylococcus aureus*, community-associated mortality
 - e. Toxoplasmosis
4. Separated health care provider and laboratory reporting requirements for organisms:
 - a. Human papillomavirus (HPV)
 - i. Health care providers: health care providers are only required to report HPV-associated laryngeal papillomas or recurrent respiratory papillomatosis in children <6 years old and anogenital papillomas in children <12 years old.
 - ii. Laboratories: laboratories participating in electronic laboratory reporting (ELR) are required to report all positive HPV DNA test results.
 - b. *Haemophilus influenzae*
 - i. Health care providers: health care providers are only required to report invasive disease in children <5 years old.
 - ii. Laboratories: laboratories participating in ELR are required to submit isolates from normally sterile sites from all ages.
 - c. *Streptococcus pneumoniae*
 - i. Health care providers: health care providers are only required to report invasive disease in children <6 years old.
 - ii. Laboratories: laboratories participating in ELR are required to submit isolates from normally sterile sites from all ages.
5. Updated viral hepatitis reporting requirements for laboratories:
 - a. **All** laboratories should report:
 - i. Any associated viral hepatitis testing (positive and negative results) *after* an initial positive hepatitis result is received.
 - ii. All liver function test results.
 - iii. Pregnancy status at time of testing.
 - b. Laboratories participating in **ELR** should report all tests (positive and negative), including screening tests (positive and negative), and pregnancy status at time of testing.
6. Expanded antimicrobial resistance surveillance by requiring laboratories participating in electronic laboratory reporting to report susceptibilities:
 - a. All bacteria individually listed in the list of reportable diseases and conditions (e.g., *Neisseria meningitidis*, *Salmonella* species, *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*)
 - b. *Acinetobacter baumannii*
 - c. *Citrobacter* species
 - d. *Enterococcus* species
 - e. *Enterobacter* species
 - f. *Escherichia coli*
 - g. *Klebsiella* species
 - h. *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*
 - i. *Serratia* species

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7. Added reporting of all (positive and negative) influenza and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) results for all laboratories participating in ELR
8. Expanded required isolate submission to the Bureau of Public Health Laboratories (BPHL) to include:
 - a. *Listeria monocytogenes*
 - b. *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*

Note: Many but not all diseases require specimen or isolate submission to BPHL. More than 95 diseases and conditions are reportable in Florida; 51 of these require specimen or isolate submission to BPHL for further analysis or confirmation. Submission should occur at the time of identification and without specific request by the Florida Department of Health staff.

For further information, please contact the Bureau of Epidemiology at (850) 245-4401.

Thank you very much for your surveillance and reporting efforts throughout the year! Your partnership is essential as we continue to work together to prevent and control these diseases.

Sincerely,



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