

# Health **FAX**

## Revised Reportable Disease List: Effective Immediately

Attention: **Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Emergency Departments, Long-Term Care Facilities, Rest & Retirement Homes, Hospitals, Infection Control Practitioners, Occupational Health Professionals, Walk-In Clinics/Urgent Care Clinics, Laboratories, Midwives, Family Health Teams, NSM LHIN, Central LHIN, County of Simcoe Paramedic Services, Medavie EMS Ontario – Muskoka, Rama Mnjikaning EMS, Pharmacies, Correctional Facilities, School Boards, Day Nurseries**

Date: January 7, 2014

In a memorandum released in December, the Chief Medical Officer of Health advised of the changes to Ontario Regulation 559/91, the Specification of Reportable Diseases.

The following changes to Ontario Regulation 559/91 are effective immediately:

The addition of the following diseases:

- Acute flaccid paralysis (AFP)
- Paralytic shellfish poisoning (PSP)

The removal of the following diseases:

- Cytomegalovirus infection, congenital
- Neonatal herpes
- Hepatitis D (Delta hepatitis)
- Fatal Familial Insomnia
- Gerstmann-Straussler-Scheinker Syndrome
- Kuru

Please note that Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease, all types, is still reportable. A revised reportable disease list is attached.

As a reminder, as per the *Health Protection and Promotion Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.H.7*, sections 25-28, the following individuals are required to report, as soon as possible to the SMDHU, when they form the opinion that a client has or may have a reportable disease:

- All Physicians
- Members of the College of Chiropractors of Ontario;
- Members of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario;
- Members of the College of Nurses of Ontario;
- Members of the Ontario College of Pharmacists;
- Members of the College of Optometrists of Ontario;
- Persons registered as a drugless practitioner under the Drugless Practitioners Act;
- Hospital Administrators;
- School Principals;
- Laboratory Operators; and
- Administrators of institutions including, but not limited to:
  - Day Nurseries;
  - Homes for Special Care;
  - Long-Term Care Homes;
  - Psychiatric Facilities;
  - Correctional Institutions;
  - Detention Facilities; and
  - Private Hospitals.

**If you would like to report a suspect or confirmed reportable disease, please contact the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit Communicable Disease Team at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 Ext. 8809. After Hours please call 1-888-225-7851**



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## Communicable Disease Reporting

Timely reporting of communicable diseases is mandated and essential for their control. If you *suspect* or have confirmation of the following specified Reportable Diseases or their etiologic agents, (as per Ontario Regulation 559/91 and amendments under the *Health Protection and Promotion Act, R.S.O. c.H.7*) please report them to the local Medical Officer of Health.

### REPORTABLE COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Note: Diseases highlighted (and influenza in institutions) should be reported immediately to the Medical Officer of Health by telephone. Other diseases can be reported by the next working day by fax, phone, or mail.

Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS)	Gonorrhoea	Pertussis (Whooping Cough)
Acute flaccid paralysis (AFP)	Group A Streptococcal disease, invasive	Plague
Amebiasis	Group B Streptococcal disease, neonatal	Pneumococcal disease, invasive
Anthrax	Haemophilus influenzae b disease, invasive	Poliomyelitis, acute
Botulism	Hantavirus pulmonary syndrome	Psittacosis/Omithosis
Brucellosis	Hemorrhagic fevers, including:	Q Fever
Campylobacter enteritis	1. Ebola virus disease	Rabies
Chancroid	2. Marburg virus disease	Respiratory infection outbreaks in institutions
Chickenpox (Varicella)	3. Other viral causes	Rubella
Chlamydia trachomatis infections	Hepatitis, viral	Rubella, congenital syndrome
Cholera	1. Hepatitis A	Salmonellosis
Clostridium difficile associated disease (CDAD) outbreaks in Public Hospitals	2. Hepatitis B	Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)
Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease, all types	3. Hepatitis C	Shigellosis
Cryptosporidiosis	Influenza	Smallpox
Cyclosporiasis	Lassa Fever	Syphilis
Diphtheria	Legionellosis	Tetanus
Encephalitis, including:	Leprosy	Trichinosis
1. Primary, viral	Listeriosis	Tuberculosis
2. Post-infectious	Lyme disease	Tularemia
3. Vaccine-related	Malaria	Typhoid Fever
4. Subacute sclerosing panencephalitis	Measles	Verotoxin-producing E. coli infection indicator conditions including, Haemolytic Uraemic Syndrome (HUS)
5. Unspecified	Meningitis, acute	West Nile Virus Illness
Food poisoning, all causes	1. bacterial	Yellow fever
Gastroenteritis, institutional outbreaks	2. viral	Yersiniosis
Giardiasis, except asymptomatic cases	3. other	
	Meningococcal disease, invasive	
	Mumps	
	Ophthalmia neonatorum	
	Paralytic shellfish poisoning (PSP)	
	Paratyphoid Fever	

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