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## Orange County Reportable Diseases List Has Been Updated

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**Disease reporting by clinical providers and laboratories provides the basis for communicable disease surveillance in Orange County.** Orange County Public Health has updated the list of diseases to be reported by providers in Orange County, in conjunction with recent changes in statewide reporting requirements made by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). **Providers should be familiar with the Orange County list of reportable diseases, which can be found at <http://www.ochealthinfo.com/phs/about/dcepi/epi/physprov/report>, as well as the changes which are described below.**

CDPH has also updated the list of diseases to be reported by clinical laboratories, which can be found at [https://archive.cdph.ca.gov/HealthInfo/Documents/Reportable\\_Diseases\\_Conditions.pdf](https://archive.cdph.ca.gov/HealthInfo/Documents/Reportable_Diseases_Conditions.pdf).

### Who needs to report?

Under Title 17, California Code of Regulations (CCR), §2500, “it shall be the duty of every health care provider, knowing of or in attendance on a case or suspected case of any of the diseases or conditions [on the reportable diseases list], to report to the local health officer for the jurisdiction where the patient resides...” A health care provider includes any of the following:

Physician	Surgeon	Veterinarian	Nurse Practitioner
Physician Assistant	Registered Nurse	Nurse Midwife	Coroner
School Nurse	Medical Examiner	Infection Control Practitioner	Dentist
Podiatrist			

In addition, under Title 17, CCR §2508 “it shall be the duty of anyone in charge of a public or private school, kindergarten, boarding school, or day nursery to report at once to the local health officer the presence or suspected presence of any of the communicable diseases.”

### Significant changes

#### Additions:

- Zika virus infection - report immediately by telephone
- Chikungunya virus infection – report within one working day
- Respiratory Syncytial Virus (only report a death in a patient less than five years of age) – report within seven calendar days
- Flavivirus infection of undetermined species – report immediately by telephone
- Novel virus infection with pandemic potential – report immediately by telephone

#### Deletions:

- Pelvic Inflammatory Disease (PID)
- Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)
- *Staphylococcus aureus* infection
- Toxic Shock Syndrome

## Additional Changes

The following conditions have a change in a reporting requirement:

- *Haemophilus influenzae* invasive disease of any serotype is now required to be reported only in persons less than five years of age (previously was in persons less than 15 years of age).
- Hantavirus infection is now required to be reported within one working day of identification (previously was immediately reportable).

Additional Changes, reworded for clarity:

- Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) is reworded to Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Infection, stage 3 (AIDS)
- Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), Acute Infection now appears as a separate condition in the list.
- Chickenpox (Varicella) (only hospitalizations and deaths) is reworded to Chickenpox (Varicella) (outbreaks, hospitalizations and deaths)

## How to report

Consult the reportable diseases list (<http://www.ochealthinfo.com/phs/about/dcepi/epi/physprov/report>) for the mandated reporting timeframe: immediately by telephone, within one working day, or within seven calendar days.

Reports are made to Orange County Health Care Agency Epidemiology and Assessment Program at 714-834-8180 (phone) or 714-564-4050 (fax) or CalREDIE Provider Portal. Urgent reports after regular work hours, on weekends, or holidays should be made to the on-call public health official at 714-628-7008.

## Also Reportable

- Outbreaks of any type of disease are reportable, including unusual clusters of common illnesses such as norovirus or influenza.
- Outbreaks of illness syndromes, such as gastrointestinal (GI) disease or respiratory infection, are also reportable, even if a specific etiology has not been identified.
- An occurrence of unusual disease, though not specifically named on the list, including diseases such as Colorado Tick Fever, anisakiasis, Guillain-Barre syndrome, and paragonimiasis, is still reportable.