Notifiable Disease Rules Updated Effective 12/31/2014

The Alabama Department of Public Health, Bureau of Communicable Disease, updated the Notifiable Disease Rules (Chapter 420-4-1). To review the list of all items added, changed, and deleted, see Synopsis of the Rules Revisions.

Notifiable Disease Rule Highlights
- Physicians must report directly and separately from any other required reporters, e.g., laboratories
- Laboratories are required to report electronically
- Additional minimum data elements are required to be reported
- “Presumptive diagnosis” of 4-hour and 24-hour diseases are required to be reported
- Standard Notification diseases are required to be reported within 5 days
- Only acute hepatitis B and C cases are required to be reported
- ALTs are required to be reported with acute hepatitis reports
- STEC, legionellosis, and HUS are moved to 24-hour category
- All Arboviral disease test results, including negatives, are required to be reported
- Histoplasmosis and toxic shock syndrome are no longer reportable

If you have any questions, contact Bureau of Communicable Disease, Epidemiology Division, at 1-800-338-8374. To schedule a 1-hour Notifiable Disease CEU Training for you and your staff to review the changes, go to adph.org/epi or call 1-800-338-8374.