

## Summary of Changes To Notifiable Diseases/Conditions Chapter 420-4-1

In order to align Alabama's notifiable disease/conditions with CDC's Nationally Notifiable Infectious Conditions list and CSTE's List of Nationally Notifiable Conditions, the Epidemiology Division, in collaboration with the HIV Division, Immunization Division, and STD Division, has implemented the following changes to Alabama's Notifiable Disease Rule and Appendix I:

### Notifiable Disease Rule

- Added a category for conditions reportable within 4 hours, "Immediate, extremely urgent".
- Renamed the categories for reporting, previously known as Group A and Group B.
  - "Group A" conditions reportable within 24 hours become "Immediate, urgent".
  - "Group B" conditions reportable within 7 days, for the most part, become "Standard".
- Added definitions for the new categories.
- Clarifies that all notifiable disease or conditions are to be reported to the state health office within the reporting period by the county if notifiable disease or conditions reported to the county first.
- Reports shall contain at minimum patient date of birth; patient gender; and name and phone number for the reporter in addition to the previously requested information: name of disease or health condition, name and address of person, and date of onset or diagnosis date.
- Date of laboratory result added as an alternative to date of onset or diagnosis date.
- Moved all definitions to the Definitions section and alphabetize.
- Updated and standardized references, grammar, and format throughout.

### Appendix I

- Excluded facsimile as an option for Immediate, Extremely Urgent conditions.
- Move to new 4-hr category, Immediate, Extremely Urgent:
  - Anthrax, human
  - Botulism
  - Poliomyelitis, paralytic
  - SARS
  - Tularemia
  - Cases related to nuclear, biological, or chemical terroristic agents
- Add to the list, in the new 4-hr category, Immediate, Extremely Urgent:
  - Plague
  - Smallpox
  - Viral hemorrhagic fever
- Add to the list, in the 24-hr category, Immediate, Urgent:
  - Novel influenza A virus infections
  - Poliovirus infection, nonparalytic
- Add to the list, in the Standard category:
  - Arboviral disease
  - Babesiosis
  - Hemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS), post-diarrheal (HUS previously listed with *E. coli* O157:H7)
  - Influenza-associated pediatric mortality

- *Staphylococcus aureus*, Vancomycin-intermediate (VISA)
  - *Staphylococcus aureus*, Vancomycin-resistant (VRSA)
  - *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, invasive disease
- Remove from the list:
  - Granuloma inguinale
  - Lymphogranuloma venereum
  - TTP
  - Vaccinia virus infection or disease other than the expected response to a smallpox vaccination
  - Yersiniosis
- Category changes:
  - Brucellosis from 7 days to 24 hours
  - Listeriosis from 24 hours to 7 days
  - Rubella from 7 days to 24 hours
  - Trichin(ell)osis from 24 hours to 7 days
- Name changes and clarifications:
  - Dengue Fever becomes Dengue
  - *E. coli* O157:H7 (including HUS and TTP) becomes *E. coli*, shiga toxin-producing (STEC), including O157:H7
  - Ehrlichiosis becomes Ehrlichiosis/Anaplasmosis
  - *H. influenzae*, invasive disease becomes *Haemophilus influenzae*, invasive disease
  - Human Immunodeficiency Virus infection\* (including asymptomatic infection ARC, and AIDS) becomes Human Immunodeficiency Virus infection\* (including asymptomatic infection, AIDS, CD4 counts, and viral load)
  - Lead, elevated blood level ( $\geq 10\text{mcg/dl}$ ) becomes Lead, exposure screening test result
  - Leprosy becomes Hansen's disease (Leprosy)
  - *N. meningitidis*, invasive disease becomes Meningococcal Disease (*Neisseria meningitidis*)
  - Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever becomes Spotted Fever Rickettsiosis
  - Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) becomes Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome-associated Coronavirus (SARS-CoV) disease
  - Trichinosis becomes Trichinellosis (Trichinosis)
- Change to footnotes: Currently the footnotes for *H. flu* and Mening read as "i.e., meningitis, epiglottitis, sepsis, cellulitis, septic arthritis, osteomyelitis, pericarditis, and type b pneumonia" and "detection of organism from normally sterile site (e.g., blood and cerebrospinal fluid)", respectively. Homogenize footnotes to define invasive disease for *H. flu*, meningitis, and the newly reportable *Streptococcus pneumoniae*: "detection of organism from a normally sterile body site (e.g., blood, cerebrospinal fluid, or, less commonly, joint, pleural or pericardial fluid)"