



POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Number: **60-20**

Title: **Notifiable Diseases**

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- SHR Infection Control Committee
- Facility Board of Directors

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Introduction

AS REQUIRED BY THE SASKATCHEWAN PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, specific communicable diseases are reported to Saskatoon Health Region, Public Health Services. Public Health routinely follow up on notifiable diseases to obtain a history of illness, look for the source, identify others who are ill and/or those at risk, provide prophylaxis when indicated, exclude (from daycare, school, or workplace) as necessary, and provide information about the disease including transmission, all under authority of the Public Health Act.

Policy

1. The attending physician must notify Public Health of the following notifiable communicable diseases:

Category 1		
Acute flaccid paralysis	<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> invasive disease, types a,b,c,d,e and f	Rabies
Aeromonas	Haemorrhagic fevers-viral	Rickettsial disease
Amoebiasis	Hantavirus	Rubella
Anthrax	Hepatitis A	Salmonellosis, excluding typhoid and paratyphoid
	Influenza - lab confirmed	SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome)
Antibiotic-resistant organisms (VRE,VRSA, MRSA, PRP Φ)	Legionellosis	Shigellosis
Botulism	Leptospirosis	Smallpox
Brucellosis	Leprosy	Staphylococcal disease-invasive, toxigenic
Campylobacteriosis	Listeriosis	Streptococcal A - invasive
Chickenpox	Lyme disease	Streptococcal B - neonatal
<i>Chlamydia pneumoniae</i>	Malaria	Tetanus
Cholera	Measles	Toxoplasmosis
Congenital rubella syndrome	Meningococcal invasive disease	Trichinosis
Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease - Classical or new variant	Mumps	TSE (transmissible spongiform encephalopathy)
	Paratyphoid	Tularemia

Category 1 (Continued)		
Cryptosporidiosis	Parvovirus B 19	Typhoid
<i>Cyclospora</i>	Pertussis	Verotoxigenic <i>Escherichia coli</i>
Diphtheria	Plague	West Nile virus
Encephalitis – vectorborne (food poisoning of animal, bacterial, viral or chemical origin, not including salmonellosis or shigellosis)	Pneumococcal diseases - invasive	Yellow fever
Food poisoning	Poliomyelitis	<i>Yersinia enterocolitica</i>
Giardiasis	Psittacosis	

‡ Vancomycin-resistant enterococcus, Vancomycin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, Penicillin resistant *Pneumococcus*)

Category 11		
acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS)	Hepatitis B	Human T lymphotropic virus, Types 1 and 11
Chancroid	Hepatitis C	Lymphogranuloma venereum
<i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i>	Hepatitis D	Neonatal congenital herpes
Gonococcal infections	Hepatitis – other viral	Syphillis
Granuloma inguinale	Human immunodeficiency virus infection	Tuberculosis

Purpose

1. To prevent the spread of communicable diseases.
2. To provide prophylaxis and/or counseling to persons exposed to communicable diseases.

Procedure

1. To report communicable diseases call 655-4612, Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. or 655-4620 after hours.
2. Public Health requests a phone call at the time of assessment for the following:
 - Persons bitten by an animal when the animal is unknown to the victim or the animal’s behavior is abnormal; Rabies Immune Globulin and rabies vaccine is available.
 - Persons with meningococcal disease/invasive *H.influenzae* type b, Public Health will provide prophylaxis to contacts when identified.
 - Persons with suspected foodborne illness; please collect stool specimens.
 - Community needlesticks; Public Health will provide Hepatitis B immunization series and do a risk assessment.
 - Sexual assaults; Public health will complete Hepatitis B immunization series.
3. Public Health will contact the patient once the physician has advised him/her of the results.
4. The Public Health nurse will notify the Infection Prevention & Control Professional.

Reference:

1. The Disease Control Regulations cP-37.1 Reg 11; 25 April 2003.