

**Title 7 of the Louisiana Administrative Code:
Agriculture and Animals**

**Section XXI
Diseases of Animals**

**Paragraph 121.
Requiring the Reporting of Contagious Diseases**

A. In order to improve the protection of the animals and poultry populations from the effects of contagious diseases, all veterinarians licensed in the state of Louisiana are required to report to the state veterinarian, by telephone, fax, or electronic mail within 24 hours after diagnosis or tentative diagnosis, the occurrence or suspected occurrence of the following contagious diseases or symptoms: including but not limited to classical swine fever (hog cholera), anthrax, vesicular conditions, all equine encephalomyelitis conditions, transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (including chronic wasting disease, scrapie, bovine spongiform encephalopathy), pseudorabies (Aujeszky's Disease), tuberculosis, brucellosis, rabies, Newcastle Disease and other paramyxovirus infections, avian influenza (highly pathogenic), ornithosis (chlamydiosis, psittacosis), salmonellas (pullorum disease or fowl typhoid), infectious laryngotracheitis (other than vaccine induced), any disease classified by USDA as a foreign animal disease, or any other disease condition which may seriously threaten the welfare of the animal and poultry populations of this state.

B. Reports should include the:

1. name, address and phone number of the owner;
2. location of the premises;
3. morbidity and mortality rate at the time of reporting;
4. number of susceptible animals in the immediate area; and
5. approximate number of animals or poultry exposed.

C. Reports of disease outbreaks will be coordinated by the state veterinarian.

D. Livestock owners who suspect the occurrence of contagious disease should immediately contact the local practicing veterinarian, area regulatory veterinarian or county agent who, in turn, will be responsible for reporting to the state veterinarian.

E. An investigation of the reported contagious disease will be made by representatives of the livestock sanitary board, preferably with the veterinarian or county agent reporting the disease. If necessary to protect the animal and poultry populations, a quarantine may be imposed on involved and exposed animals and areas. The quarantine will remain in effect until the threat has been removed.

**Title 51 of the Louisiana Administrative Code:
Public Health Sanitary Code**

**Part III
The Control of Diseases**

**Chapter One:
Disease Reporting Requirements**

**Paragraph 105 - 109
Reportable Diseases and Conditions**

A. The following diseases or conditions are hereby declared reportable with reporting requirements by Class.

1. Class A Diseases or Conditions which Shall Require Reporting within 24 Hours

a. This Class includes diseases of major public health concern because of the severity of disease and potential for epidemic spread. Class A diseases or conditions shall be reported to the Office of Public Health by telephone immediately upon recognition that a case, a suspected case, or a positive laboratory result is known. In addition, all cases of rare or exotic communicable diseases, unexplained death, unusual cluster of disease and all outbreaks will also be reported. The following diseases or conditions shall be classified as Class A for reporting requirements:

- i. anthrax;
- ii. botulism;
- iii. brucellosis;
- iv. cholera;
- v. diphtheria;
- vi. haemophilus influenzae (invasive infection);
- vii. measles (rubeola);
- viii. neisseria meningitidis (invasive infection);
- ix. plague;
- x. rabies (animal and man);
- xi. rubella (congenital syndrome);
- xii. rubella (german measles);
- xiii. smallpox;
- xiv. tularemia;
- xv. viral hemorrhagic fever.

2. Class B Diseases or Conditions which Shall Require Reporting within One Business Day

a. This class includes diseases of public health concern needing timely response because of potential for epidemic spread. The following Class B diseases shall be reported to the

Office of Public Health by the end of the next business day after the existence of a case, a suspected case, or a positive laboratory result is known:

- i. Arthropod-borne encephalitis;
- ii. Aseptic meningitis;
- iii. Chancroid¹;
- iv. E. Coli 0157:H7;
- v. Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome;
- vi. Hemolytic-Uremic Syndrome;
- vii. Hepatitis A (acute illness);
- viii. Hepatitis B (carriage in pregnancy);
- ix. Herpes (neonatal);
- x. Legionellosis;
- xi. Malaria;
- xii. Mumps;
- xiii. Pertussis;
- xiv. Salmonellosis;
- xv. Shigellosis;
- xvi. Syphilis¹;
- xvii. Tetanus;
- xviii. Tuberculosis² ;
- xix. Typhoid Fever.

3. Class C Diseases or Conditions which Shall Require Reporting within Five Business Days

a. This class shall include the diseases of significant public health concern. The following diseases shall be reported to the Office of Public Health by the end of the workweek after the existence of a case, suspected case, or a positive laboratory result is known:

- i. Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS);
- ii. Blastomycosis;
- iii. Campylobacteriosis;
- iv. Chlamydial infection¹;
- v. Cryptococcosis;
- vi. Cryptosporidiosis;
- vii. Cyclosporiasis;
- viii. Dengue;
- ix. EHEC serogroup non 0157;
- x. EHEC + shiga toxin not serogrouped;
- xi. Enterococcus-Vancomycin Resistant; (VRE);
- xii. Giardia;
- xiii. Gonorrhea¹;
- xiv. Hansen Disease (leprosy);
- xv. Hepatitis B (acute);

- xvi. Hepatitis C (acute);
- xvii. Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV);
- xviii. Listeria;
- xix. Lyme Disease;
- xx. Lymphogranuloma venereum¹;
- xxi. Psittacosis;
- xxii. Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF);
- xxiii. Staphylococcus aureus, Methicillin/Oxacillin or vancomycin resistant (MRSA);
- xxiv. Streptococcus pneumoniae [invasive infection; penicillin, resistant (DRSP)];
- xxv. Streptococcus pneumoniae (invasive infection in children <5 years of age);
- xxvi. Varicella (chickenpox);
- xxvii. Vibrio infections (other than cholera);

4. Other Reportable Conditions:

- a. Cancer;
- b. Complications of abortion;
- c. Congenital hypothyroidism*;
- d. Galactosemia*;
- e. Hemophilia*;
- f. Lead Poisoning*;
- g. Phenylketonuria*;
- h. Reye's Syndrome;
- i. Severe traumatic head injury**;
- j. Severe under nutrition (severe anemia, failure to thrive);
- k. Sickle cell disease (newborns)*;
- l. Spinal cord injury**;
- m. Sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS).

B. Case reports not requiring special reporting instructions (see below) can be reported by Confidential Disease Report Forms (2430), facsimile, phone reports, or electronic transmission:

1. 1report on STD-43 form. Report cases of syphilis with active lesions by telephone;
2. 2report on CDC72.5 (f.5.2431) card;
3. *report to the Louisiana Genetic Diseases and Louisiana Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Programs FAX (504) 568-7722;
4. **report on DDP-3 form; preliminary phone report from ER encouraged (504) 568 2509.

C. Information contained in reports required under this Section shall remain confidential in accordance with the law.

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§107. Physicians Reporting Duties
[formerly paragraph 2:004]

A. It is hereby made the duty of every physician practicing medicine in the state of Louisiana to report to the state health officer, through the health unit of the parish or municipality wherein such physician practices, any case or suspected case of reportable disease or condition which he or she is attending, or has examined, or for which such physician has prescribed. The report shall be made promptly at the time the physician first visits, examines or prescribes for the patient, and such report shall state the name, age, sex, race, usual residence, place where the patient is to be found, the nature of the disease or condition and the date of onset.

B. [Formerly paragraph 2:005] Any physician, whether Louisiana resident or non-resident, engaged in the practice of medicine at any federal installation or on any vessel, train or other common carrier, which enters any port, station or place in the state of Louisiana, is required to report as specified in §107.A.

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§109. Reports by All Health Care Providers [formerly paragraph 2:006]

A. It shall be the duty of every osteopath, coroner, medical examiner, dentist, homeopath, infection control practitioner, medical records director, nurse, nurse midwife, nurse practitioner, pharmacist, physician assistant, podiatrist, social worker, **veterinarian**, and any other health care professional to report a confirmed case of reportable disease as specified in §105 in which he or she has examined or evaluated, or for which he or she is attending or has knowledge.