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**2018 Communicable Disease Annual Report**

Communicable diseases are a continuing threat to all people, regardless of age, gender, lifestyle, ethnic background or socioeconomic status. They cause illness, suffering and even death, and place an enormous financial burden on society. Indeed, Joshua Lederberg, Nobel laureate once commented “We live in evolutionary competition with microbes – bacteria and viruses. There is no guarantee that we will be the survivors.” Although some communicable diseases have been controlled by modern advances, new ones are constantly emerging. The Washoe County Health District (WCHD) relies on healthcare providers, laboratories, and others to report the occurrence of notifiable diseases. Without such data, trends cannot be accurately monitored, unusual occurrences of diseases (such as outbreaks) might not be detected or appropriately investigated, and the effectiveness of control and prevention activities cannot be easily evaluated.

The [Communicable Disease Annual Summary](#) is a compilation of communicable disease surveillance data in Washoe County.

**Reportable Disease List**

Reporting of specific communicable diseases to Washoe County Health District (WCHD) is mandated by [Nevada Administrative Code \(NAC\) 441A.225](#). WCHD has updated the [Reportable Disease List](#) for your convenience.

**Newly Reportable Diseases by Nevada Law**

NAC regulations added certain communicable diseases to the list of diseases considered reportable in Nevada, as follows:

- 1) Chikungunya virus disease
- 2) Dengue
- 3) *Enterobacteriaceae*, Carbapenem-resistant (CRE), including Carbapenem-resistant *Enterobacter spp.*, *Escherichia coli* and *Klebsiella spp.*
- 4) Poliomyelitis
- 5) Saint Louis encephalitis virus (SLEV)
- 6) Zika virus disease

**Epi-News 2009-2019 Topic Index**

Epi-News has been archived on the Washoe County Health District's (WCHD) website at <http://tinyurl.com/WashoeEpiNews> since 2001. For your convenience we have compiled an [Epi-News Topic Index](#) of the subjects addressed in the Epi-News during the past 10 years in a table format with links to respective issues. If you would like to be added to the Epi-News distribution list, please send your email address to [EpiCenter@washoecounty.us](mailto:EpiCenter@washoecounty.us).

**Reporting Forms**

Reports of illness can be faxed to 775-328-3764 or called in to our Communicable Disease Line at 775-328-2447. Please report using one of the three attached forms:

1. [CD Confidential Case Report](#) (CCR) for general communicable diseases, updated 10/2019.
2. [STD Confidential Case Report](#) for sexually transmitted diseases (i.e., chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, and HIV), updated 10/2019.
3. [Animal Bite Report](#) to report an animal bite from a rabies susceptible animal updated 10/2019.

Please print these three forms and the Reportable Disease List and make copies for your staff. Take a moment to review them and make sure that you are using the most current form. Please discard all old reporting forms and reportable disease lists.

**Correction**

In the August 29, 2019 edition of the Epi-News, Syphilis and Congenital Syphilis, the frequency of HIV testing post syphilis treatment was erroneously stated. The HIV status of a person with syphilis should be determined through history or through additional testing. If a person with primary or secondary syphilis is co-infected with HIV, they should be evaluated clinically and serologically for treatment failure at 3, 6, 9, 12, and 24 months after therapy.



*The Washoe County Health District (WCHD) would like to thank healthcare providers in the community for their dedication to communicable disease reporting and cooperation for communicable disease investigations. Our confidential reporting phone and fax numbers are 775-328-2447 (Phone) and 775-328-3764 (Fax).*



# REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

## Updated October 2019

### PLEASE FAX REPORTS TO (775) 328-3764

Physicians, laboratories, and other health care providers are required to report suspected and confirmed diagnoses of the following diseases and conditions to the Washoe County Health District, pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code Chapter 441A. Other persons with obligations to report suspected or confirmed disease include persons in charge of schools, child care facilities, or correctional facilities.

#### REPORTABLE DISEASE LIST – Report within 24 hours unless otherwise noted below

<p>Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)</p> <p>Amebiasis</p> <p>Animal bite from a rabies-susceptible animal</p> <p><b>ANTHRAX*†¶</b></p> <p><b>BOTULISM *†¶</b></p> <p>Brucellosis¶</p> <p>Campylobacteriosis¶</p> <p>Carbapenem resistant organisms ▲§¶</p> <p>CD4 lymphocyte counts▲</p> <p>Chancroid</p> <p>Chikungunya virus disease</p> <p><i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i> infection of the genital tract</p> <p>Cholera</p> <p>Coccidioidomycosis</p> <p>Cryptosporidiosis</p> <p>Dengue</p> <p>Diphtheria†¶</p> <p>Ehrlichiosis/anaplasmosis</p> <p>Encephalitis</p> <p><i>Enterobacteriaceae, Carbapenem-resistant (CRE), including carbapenem-resistant <i>Enterobacter</i> spp., <i>Escherichia coli</i> and <i>Klebsiella</i> spp.¶</i></p> <p><b>EXTRAORDINARY OCCURRENCE OF ILLNESS (E.G., SMALLPOX, SARS) *†</b></p> <p>Giardiasis</p> <p>Gonococcal infection</p> <p>Granuloma inguinale</p> <p><i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>, type b invasive disease¶</p> <p>Hansen's Disease (leprosy)</p> <p>Hantavirus</p>	<p>Hemolytic-uremic syndrome (HUS)</p> <p>Hepatitis A</p> <p>Hepatitis B</p> <p>Hepatitis C</p> <p>Hepatitis Delta</p> <p>Hepatitis E</p> <p>Hepatitis, unspecified</p> <p>Human immunodeficiency virus infection (HIV)</p> <p><b>ILLNESS KNOWN OR SUSPECTED TO BE THE RESULT OF INTENTIONAL TRANSMISSION OR BIOTERRORISM*†</b></p> <p>Influenza</p> <p>Legionellosis¶</p> <p>Leptospirosis</p> <p>Listeriosis¶</p> <p>Lyme disease</p> <p>Lymphogranuloma venereum</p> <p>Malaria¶</p> <p>Measles (rubeola)†</p> <p>Meningitis (specify type)</p> <p><b>MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE*†¶</b></p> <p>Mumps</p> <p><b>OUTBREAKS, ALL (E.G., FOODBORNE, HEALTHCARE-ASSOCIATED, NOROVIRUS) *†</b></p> <p>Pertussis¶</p> <p><b>PLAGUE*†¶</b></p> <p><b>POLIOVIRUS INFECTION*</b></p> <p><b>POLIOMYELITIS*†</b></p> <p>Psittacosis</p>	<p>Q Fever¶</p> <p>Rabies, animal</p> <p><b>RABIES, HUMAN*†</b></p> <p>Relapsing fever</p> <p>Respiratory syncytial virus infection (RSV)</p> <p>Rotavirus</p> <p>Rubella (including congenital)†</p> <p>Saint Louis encephalitis virus (SLEV)</p> <p>Salmonellosis¶</p> <p>Severe reaction to immunization</p> <p><i>Shiga toxin-producing <i>Escherichia coli</i></i>¶</p> <p>Shigellosis¶</p> <p>Spotted fever rickettsioses (including RMSF)</p> <p><i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (vancomycin-intermediate or vancomycin-resistant)¶</p> <p><i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> (invasive)</p> <p>Syphilis (including congenital)</p> <p>Tetanus¶</p> <p>Toxic shock syndrome</p> <p>Trichinosis</p> <p>Tuberculosis†¶</p> <p><b>TULAREMIA*†¶</b></p> <p>Typhoid fever</p> <p>Varicella (chickenpox)</p> <p>Vibriosis¶</p> <p><b>VIRAL HEMORRHAGIC FEVER*†</b></p> <p>West Nile Virus</p> <p>Yellow fever</p> <p>Yersiniosis¶</p> <p>Zika virus disease</p>
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\*MUST REPORT IMMEDIATELY, anytime, day or night, including weekends and holidays, by calling (775) 328-2447

†Must report when suspect    ▲Laboratories only must report    ¶ Isolates must be submitted to Nevada State Public Health Lab

§Reporting of carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE), carbapenem-resistant pseudomonas aeruginosa (CRPA), and other carbapenem-resistant Gram negative bacilli (CRGNB) is now being requested pursuant to NAC 441A.235-3(a) from all hospital laboratories in Washoe County.

#### REQUIRED INFORMATION FOR REPORTS

- |                                |                                       |  |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| ◆ Disease or suspected disease | ◆ Date of birth (if known)            | ◆ Health Care Provider's name & contact information                      |
| ◆ Patient's full name          | ◆ Sex, Race (if known)                | ◆ Any other information requested by the health authority, if available. |
| ◆ Address                      | ◆ Occupation, Employer (if known)     |  |
| ◆ Telephone number             | ◆ Date of disease onset and diagnosis |  |

#### CONTACTS FOR DISEASE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

AIDS, HIV, CD4	Heather Holmstadt, RN, 328-6142 Jessica Conner, 328-6156, Jennifer Howell, 328-6147	Public Health Investigator Public Health Investigator, Program Coordinator
Sexually Transmitted Diseases	328-6161	On-duty Disease Intervention Specialist
TB	785-4785	On-duty Public Health Nurse
All other reportable diseases	328-2447	On-duty Public Health Investigator or Epidemiologist



**From:** \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Person Faxing Name of Healthcare Provider/Facility  
 Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

**Re:** Reportable Communicable Disease \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Pages Faxed

\* \* \* **Please fax copies of client's face sheet & pertinent lab results if available.** \* \* \*

\* \* Additional information may be requested as needed to complete the investigation (per NAC 441A.230). \* \*

**CONFIDENTIAL CASE REPORT—REPORTABLE COMMUNICABLE DISEASE**

<b>Patient's Last Name:</b>		<b>First:</b>	<b>Initial:</b>	<b>DOB:</b> ____/____/____	
<b>Sex:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	<b>Race (✓ one):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaskan Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<b>Ethnicity (✓ one):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<b>Address:</b>		<b>Phone #:</b>
			<b>City:</b>	<b>State:</b>	<b>Zip:</b>
<b>Country of Birth:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> US <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		<b>Occupation:</b>	<b>Employer:</b>		
<b>Disease:</b>				<b>Onset Date:</b>	
<b>Comments:</b> Lab Results, Tests, Symptoms, Treatment:				<b>Date of Diagnosis:</b>	
<b>Is client pregnant?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		<b>If pregnant:</b> EDC: ____/____/____ Delivery Hospital: <input type="checkbox"/> RRMC <input type="checkbox"/> SMRMC <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____			

**LIST OF REPORTABLE DISEASES AND CONDITIONS**

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|---|---|--|---|
| AIDS  | <i>Escherichia coli</i> and <i>Klebsiella spp.</i> ¶  | Lymphogranuloma venereum   | Severe Reaction to Immunization                     |
| Amebiasis   | <b>Extraordinary occurrence of illness (e.g. Smallpox, SARS)* †</b>                               | Malaria¶   | Shiga toxin-producing <i>Escherichia coli</i> ¶     |
| <b>Animal bite from a rabies susceptible animal*</b>  | Giardiasis  | Measles (rubeola) †  | Shigellosis¶  |
| <b>Anthrax* † ¶</b>   | Granuloma inguinale   | Meningitis (specify type)  | Spotted fever rickettsioses (including RMSF)        |
| <b>Botulism* † ¶</b>  | Haemophilus influenza, type b (invasive disease)¶   | <b>Meningococcal disease* † ¶</b>  | Staph aureus, vancomycin-intermediate or resistant¶ |
| Brucellosis¶  | Hansen's Disease (leprosy)  | Mumps  | Strep pneumo (invasive)¶                            |
| Campylobacteriosis¶   | Hantavirus  | <b>Outbreaks, all (e.g., foodborne, healthcare-associated, Norovirus)* †</b> | Syphilis (including congenital)                     |
| Carbapenemase-resistant organisms ▲ §   | Hemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS)   | Pertussis¶   | Tetanus¶  |
| CD4 lymphocyte counts▲  | Hepatitis A, B, C, delta, E, unspecified  | <b>Plague* † ¶</b>   | Toxic Shock Syndrome                                |
| Chancroid   | HIV infection   | <b>Poliomyelitis* †</b>  | Trichinosis   |
| Chikungunya   | <b>Illness known or suspected to be the result of intentional transmission or bioterrorism* †</b> | <b>Poliomyelitis* †</b>  | Tuberculosis† ¶                                     |
| Chlamydia   | Influenza   | Psittacosis  | <b>Tularemia* † ¶</b>                               |
| Cholera   | Legionellosis¶  | Q Fever¶   | Typhoid Fever                                       |
| Coccidioidomycosis  | Leptospirosis   | <b>Rabies (human or animal)* †</b>   | Vibriosis¶  |
| Cryptosporidiosis   | Listeriosis¶  | Relapsing Fever  | <b>Viral hemorrhagic fever* †</b>                   |
| Dengue  | Lyme disease  | Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)  | West Nile Virus                                     |
| Diphtheria† ¶   |   | Rotavirus  | Yellow Fever  |
| Ehrlichiosis/Anaplasmosis   |   | Rubella (including congenital) †   | Yersiniosis¶  |
| Encephalitis  |   | Saint Louis encephalitis virus (SLEV)  | Zika virus disease                                  |
| Enterobacteriaceae, Carbapenem-resistant (CRE), including Carbapenem-resistant <i>Enterobacter spp.</i> |   | Salmonellosis¶   |   |

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Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

To: Washoe County Health District Sexual Health program  
Confidential Fax (775) 328-3764

Facility: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Sender: \_\_\_\_\_

Re: SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES / HIV \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Pages Faxed

**\*\* Fax fully completed form, with client's face sheet, provider notes and lab results \*\***

\*\*Additional information may be requested as needed to complete the investigation (per NAC 441A.230). \*\*

**CONFIDENTIAL CASE REPORT— SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES / HIV**

<b>Patient's Last Name:</b>	<b>First:</b>	<b>Initial:</b>	<b>DOB:</b> ____/____/____	<b>Age:</b>
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<b>Sex:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	<b>Race (Please ✓ one):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaskan Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<b>Ethnicity (✓ one):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Pregnant:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No # wks: _____	<b>Marital Status:</b>	<b>City:</b>	<b>State:</b>	<b>Zip:</b>
		<b>Patient Phone # (home/cell):</b>		

<b>Provider's Name:</b>	<b>Provider's Phone #:</b>
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<b>Disease:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Chlamydia <input type="checkbox"/> Gonorrhea <input type="checkbox"/> Syphilis <input type="checkbox"/> HIV	<b>Specimen Collection Date:</b> ____/____/____
<b>Date of Diagnosis:</b> _____	

<b>Treatment:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Azithromycin 1g <input type="checkbox"/> Ceftriaxone/Rocephin 250 mg IM <input type="checkbox"/> L-A Bicillin 2.4 mu IM <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<b>Tx Date:</b> ____/____/____	<b>Tx administered:</b> Dr.'s office/Prescription
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**Please complete the following for ALL cases**

<b>Sex with:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<b>Partner info:</b> Name: _____ DOB: _____ Age: _____
<b>HIV status:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Pos <input type="checkbox"/> Neg <input type="checkbox"/> Unk	Tel#: _____ Last sex when? _____
<b>Date last tested:</b> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Steady <input type="checkbox"/> 1x-only <input type="checkbox"/> on/off # Partners in last 3 mos? __
<b>If + In Care? Where?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Partner F/U: <input type="checkbox"/> Hopes <input type="checkbox"/> HD <input type="checkbox"/> PMD <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Epi-treated?

**Please complete the following if reporting Syphilis**

Symptoms? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes-how long? _____ If Yes, <input type="checkbox"/> Chancre <input type="checkbox"/> Rash <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ Where? <input type="checkbox"/> Genital <input type="checkbox"/> Oral <input type="checkbox"/> Hands <input type="checkbox"/> Feet <input type="checkbox"/> Body Neurological Involvement? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Describe: Previous Hx of Syphilis? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If Yes, City/State treated _____ Year _____ Treated with: <input type="checkbox"/> Shots <input type="checkbox"/> Pills Previous Syphilis Test? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If Yes, Date: _____ Results: RPR <input type="checkbox"/> Negative <input type="checkbox"/> Positive If positive, RPR titer: _____ FTA/TPPA: _____	<b>Provider Diagnosis:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Primary Syphilis <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary Syphilis <input type="checkbox"/> Early Latent <input type="checkbox"/> Late Latent <input type="checkbox"/> Old previously treated <input type="checkbox"/> BFP – (False Positive) <i>Please include copy of any NR confirmatory tests</i>
	<b>Plan:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Treated on day of visit. <input type="checkbox"/> Not treated yet. Appt on: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Previously treated. Repeat titer _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Unable to contact. Reason: _____

**Note: To speak with the on-duty Disease Intervention Specialist, contact (775) 328-6161.  
For HIV Disease Investigators, contact (775) 328-6142, (775) 328-6147, or (775) 328-6156.**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

FAX COMPLETED REPORTS TO:  
(775) 328-3764

ANIMAL BITE REPORT – To Be Completed By Health Care Provider

<b>INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING FORM:</b>	<b>This form should be completed by the health care provider, unless the person bitten did not seek medical care.</b> Complete all sections in full. <b>Fax completed form as soon as possible to Washoe County Health District at 328-3764.</b> This allows the local rabies control authority to evaluate & monitor the biting animal and fulfills the health care provider's requirement to report animal bites under Nevada Administrative Code 441A. The original form should stay with the patient's chart. Questions? Please call 328-2447.
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<b>Today's Date:</b>	____/____/____	<b>Name of Hospital/ Urgent Care/Clinic:</b>	_____
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<b>Exposed Person</b>	Name: _____	Age: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Months <input type="checkbox"/> Years
	Parent/Guardian's Name if patient is a minor: _____	Date of Birth: ____/____/____
	Street Address: _____	City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
	Phone: Home: _____	Work: _____ Cell: _____

<b>Bite</b>	Date of Bite: _____	Time _____ <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM
	Where on body bitten? _____	Skin Broken? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>If bite occurred at exposed person's address, check this box and skip to Animal Information. If not, complete the following:</b>	
	Address/place where bite occurred: _____	
	Street Address: _____	City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

<b>Animal Information</b>	Species: <input type="checkbox"/> Dog <input type="checkbox"/> Cat <input type="checkbox"/> Ferret <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
	Age: _____ Breed: _____ Color: _____ Name of Animal (if known) _____
	Owner's Name: _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>If owner is exposed person, check this box &amp; skip to Medical care obtained. If not, complete the following:</b>
	Street Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____
	Phone: Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

<b>Medical care obtained?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, complete the following:
	Health care provider: _____	Hospital/Urgent Care/Clinic: _____

<b>Explain circumstances of bite incident:</b>	_____
	_____
	_____

This information is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

**Signature of Person Bitten or Parent/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_