

What is Reportable and Why

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History of Public Health Reporting



Activity

Put the following events in order of occurrence (oldest to newest):

- A. World War II
- B. The Great Depression
- C. World Wide Web introduced
- D. Declaration of Independence adopted
- E. Start of national reporting of select diseases in the United States



Activity

Answer: D – E – B – A – C

D) 1776 – Declaration of Independence Adopted

E) **1912 – Start of national reporting of select diseases in the United States**

B) 1930s – The Great Depression

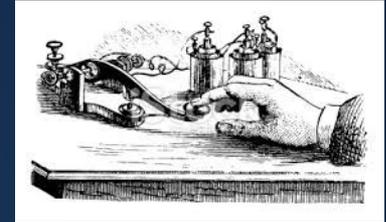
A) 1940s – World War II

C) 1990 – World Wide Web Introduced



Reporting History

- 1912 – start of national reporting
 - 19 states, 15 diseases
 - 5 diseases reportable immediately by telegraph
 - 10 reportable by letter
- 1928 – all states participating
 - 29 reportable diseases
- 1950s – establish CSTE*
 - Council that recommends and defines reportable conditions



*CSTE = Council for State and Territorial Epidemiologists

Public Health Reporting Now Clark County, WA



What to Report

- Notifiable Conditions
 - WAC* 246-101
 - 80+ diseases and conditions
- Outbreaks and clusters of illness
- Examples
 - Influenza outbreaks
 - Gastrointestinal illness outbreaks

*WAC = Washington Administrative Code



What is Reportable Specific to Long-Term Care

- Potential influenza outbreaks
 - 1 confirmed influenza case is reportable
- Gastrointestinal Illness Cluster
 - 2 or more GI illnesses in 24 hours
- Influenza-associated deaths
 - Any resident with flu as a cause of death
- All other Reportable Conditions
- When in doubt, call CCPH (360-397-8182)



What is NOT Reportable Specific to Long-Term Care

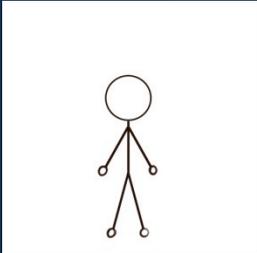
- Individual C. diff cases
- Individual MRSA cases
- Single GI Illness cases not part of a cluster
- Residents receiving latent tuberculosis treatment



What to Report

GI Cluster Example

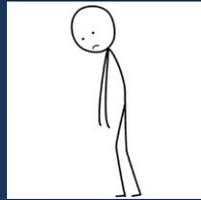
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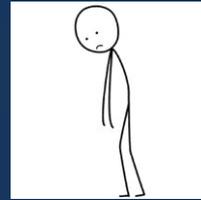
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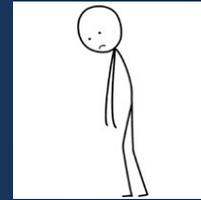
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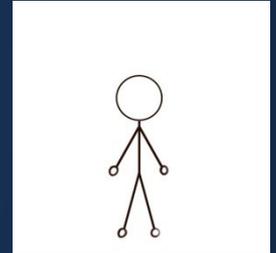
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REPORTABLE



How to Report

- By Phone
 - 360-397-8182
 - General and immediately notifiable conditions
- By Fax
 - 360-397-8080
 - Routine and non-urgent reports
- STD and HIV/AIDS have their own programs and phone numbers
 - When in doubt, call 360-397-8182



Role of Public Health

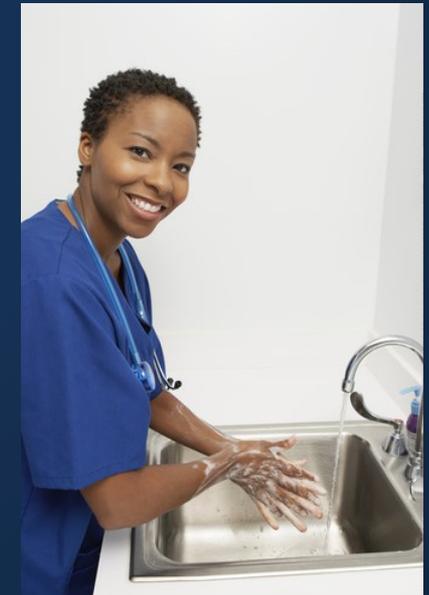
- **Provide Technical Assistance and Consultation**
 - What cleaner is best for killing up Noro?
 - How do I get this person tested for Zika?
 - Is this an outbreak?
- **Restrict people with notifiable condition from sensitive situations**
 - Salmonella in a food or healthcare worker
- **Contact tracing**
 - Tuberculosis and pertussis
- **Liaise with State and Federal partners**
- **Monitor trends and share information with partners**



What to Expect in an Outbreak

Flu and Noro

- Request for Information
 - Line List
 - Date and time illness start, room, wing, status, etc
 - Confirm outbreak, illustrate situation, good practice
 - Facility info
 - # residents, # staff
 - Flu vaccination rates
- Control Measures and Resources
 - Recommended Measures
 - Technical assistance with application
 - Resources
 - Signage, web links to helpful documents
- Overall, a collaborative process





Why Report?

- Identify health threats
- Prevent spread and further illness
 - Exclusion
 - Isolation
 - Treatment
 - Prophylaxis
 - Environmental intervention (cleaning)
- Better understand disease process
- Surveillance
- Situational awareness (rumor control)
- It's the law



FAQs about Public Health Reporting



FAQs

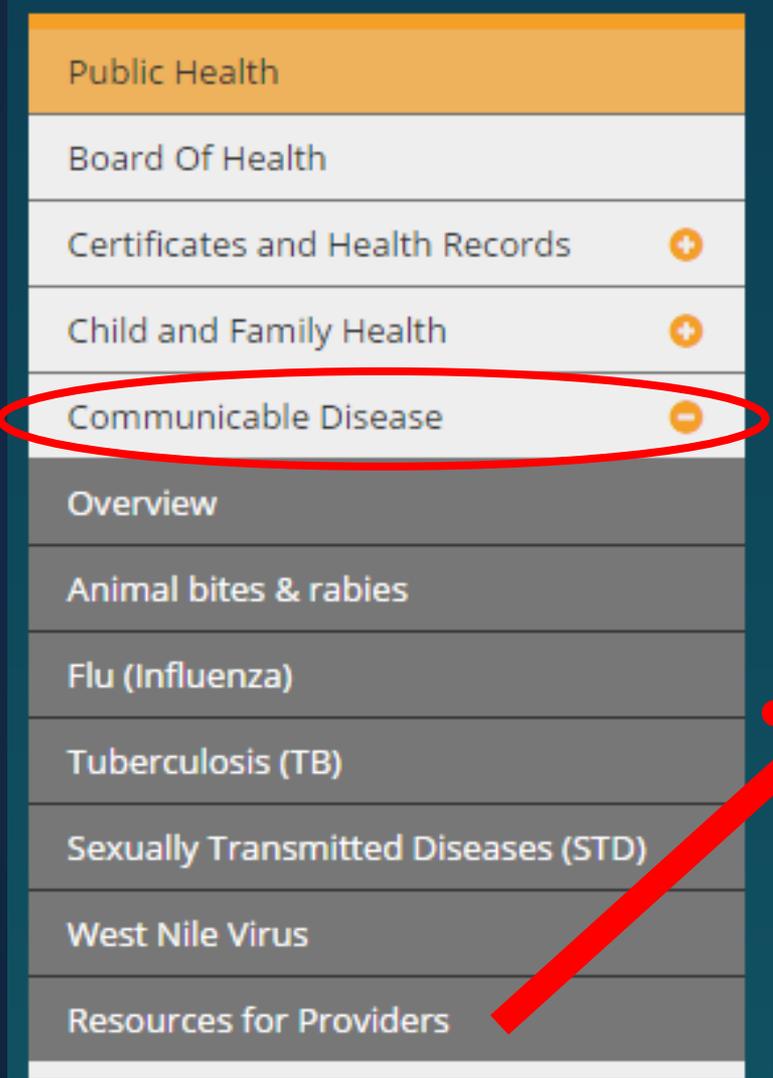
- What about HIPAA?
 - Healthcare providers and facilities, and health plans can disclose to Public Health for the purpose of preventing and controlling disease, injury, or disability [45 CFR § 164.512(b)]. Patient consent is not required.
- If my lab reports, do I need to report?
 - Yes. Don't assume the lab has reported
- I'm not the provider, should I still report?
 - Yes, unless you know it's already been reported

Public Health Reporting Resources



Resources

Clark County Public Health Website



To report notifiable conditions in Clark County:

- For STD's: (360) 397-8082
- For all other notifiable conditions: (360) 397-8182
- Confidential Fax reporting line: (360) 397-8080

Report Forms:

- HIV case report ([PDF](#))
- STD case report and EPT fax Rx form ([PDF](#))

Other Resources for Healthcare Providers:

- Measles worksheet ([PDF](#))
- Pertussis worksheet (coming soon!)
- Bicillin request form ([PDF](#))
- Rabies post-exposure prophylaxis ([PDF](#))
- Zika Evaluation and Testing Form ([PDF](#))

Training Resources:

- TB ECHO [website](#)
- TB101 for Healthcare Workers [website](#)
- STD Clinical Consultation Network [website](#)



School Nurse



Long Term Care Facility



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Notifiable Conditions

Public Health Surveillance is the collection, investigation and distribution of data about illness and death. This surveillance helps prevent and control disease in Washington State. Surveillance is used to protect and improve the health of the public by:

- describing disease trends;
- identifying and controlling the sources of infection;
- educating the public and;
- preventing disease.

In Washington State, health care providers, health care facilities, laboratories, veterinarians, food service establishments, child day care facilities, and schools are **legally required** to notify public health authorities at their local health jurisdiction of suspected or confirmed cases of selected diseases or conditions. These are referred to as **notifiable conditions**.

Most of Washington State's notifiable conditions can be found on the [List of Notifiable Conditions](#) page. Access to commonly used resources such as reporting forms and investigation guidelines for public health investigators can also be found on the page, along with links to disease pages for most conditions. For a complete list of notifiable conditions, see [WAC 246-101](#).

NC Directory

[2014 Communicable Disease Report \(PDF\)](#)

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