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## REPORTABLE DISEASES LIST UPDATED!

Orange County Public Health has updated the list of reportable diseases, following recent changes made by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). Refer to <a href="www.ochealthinfo.com/epi/report">www.ochealthinfo.com/epi/report</a> for the latest list. In addition, CDPH has also updated the separate list of laboratory reportable diseases.

### Who needs to report?

• Under Title 17, California Code of Regulations (CCR), §2500, "it shall be the duty of every **health care provider**, knowing of or in attendance on a case or suspected case of any of the diseases or conditions [on the reportable diseases list], to report to the local health officer for the jurisdiction where the patient resides…" A **health care provider** includes <u>any</u> of the following:

physician surgeon veterinarian podiatrist nurse practitioner physician assistant registered nurse nurse midwife school nurse medical examiner coroner dentist infection control practitioner

• In addition, under Title 17, CCR §2508 "it shall be the duty of anyone in charge of a **public or private** school, kindergarten, boarding school, or day nursery to report at once to the local health officer the presence or suspected presence of any of the communicable diseases."

What are the significant changes? See <a href="www.ochealthinfo.com/epi/report">www.ochealthinfo.com/epi/report</a> for the whole list.

#### Additions:

# Cyclosporiasis • Colorado

- Hepatitis E, acute
- Influenza, novel strains (human)

### Colorado Tick Fever\*\*

- Hepatitis, other, acute
- Influenza, avian (see novel)

#### • Kawasaki Disease

Deletions\* (All outbreaks are still reportable, even if disease not on list):

- Rheumatic Fever
- Water-associated disease (e.g., Swimmer's Itch)

## Additional Changes:

- Influenza deaths, persons under 65 years of age (change from under 18 years of age only)
- Measles (Rubeola), reportable immediately by phone (change from within one (1) working day)
- Pneumococcal disease, invasive, 0-18 years only (change from all ages)
- Streptococcal infections, outbreaks of any type and individual cases in foodhandlers and dairy workers only (change from also including all invasive cases)
- Rickettsial Diseases (non-Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever), including Typhus and Typhus-like illnesses (change from Typhus Fever)
- Toxic Shock Syndrome, presumed Staphylococcal only (previously included Streptococcal Toxic Shock Syndrome\* also)

#### Why report?

- Passive reporting is the basis for communicable disease surveillance in the County.
- Reporting of these diseases and conditions is required by law (Title 17, CCR §2500).
- Failure to comply with required disease reporting may be considered as "unprofessional conduct" and result in a citation and/or fine by the Medical Board of California.

**How to report:** Consult the reportable diseases list for the timeframe (immediately, within one working day, within seven calendar days), manner (by phone, fax, mail), and contact information for reporting. Reports are made to Epidemiology at 714-834-8180 (phone) or 714-834-8196 (fax). Urgent reports after regular work hours, on weekends, or holidays should be made to the on-call public health official.

- \* Although these diseases are being deleted from the reportable disease list, any outbreaks would still be reportable.
- \*\* Some less commonly reported diseases are no longer listed separately however, they are still reportable as Unusual Diseases (e.g. Colorado Tick Fever, anisakiasis, Guillain Barre syndrome, paragonimiasis, and so on).