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## Important Upcoming Changes to Indiana Communicable Disease Reporting in April

### Summary

Several changes have been made to the Indiana Communicable Disease (CD) Rule ([410 IAC 1](#)), including streamlined timeframes for reporting and updates to reportable diseases. Indiana Code Title 16 (Health 16-41-2-1) was amended in 2019. This amendment allows the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) to publish and update the list of reportable communicable diseases and control measures on the IDOH website. External documents have been created to house this information, which will allow for updates and changes to be made more easily in the future. Additional reporting guidance documents were created to help clarify reporting requirements. **All communicable disease reporting changes highlighted below will go into effect April 1.**

### Key Updates

- For the most up-to-date information regarding communicable disease reporting, including the aforementioned resources, please visit the [IDEPD website](#).
- The reporting timeframes have been streamlined to two options: immediately and within one working day. The number of immediately reportable diseases has decreased.
- The reportable disease list has been removed from the Indiana Communicable Disease (CD) Rule. Separate documents have been created for the reportable disease list for providers as well as the reportable result/pathogen list for laboratories. By listing this information in external documents, rather than within the rule, it will be easier to make changes and keep the information updated. Additionally, these documents will be more easily accessible and convenient for health care providers, hospitals, medical laboratories, and local health departments.
- Several new resources and guidance documents have been created, including an updated Reportable Disease List for Healthcare Providers and Hospitals, a Reportable Result/Pathogen List for Laboratories, and a frequently asked questions document. Disease-specific guidance documents have also been created for most reportable diseases. These documents clarify specific reporting requirements for each disease, such as how to report, which sections of the morbidity report to complete, and additional documentation to include. These documents will be posted on the Infectious Disease Epidemiology & Prevention Division (IDEPD) website and will be updated as needed.

- Future communicable disease list updates will be done on an annual basis and changes will be effective on January 1 of the following year.

## Summary of Reporting Changes

- Timeframes for reporting were simplified from **four time periods** to **two time periods**
  - Previous: Immediately, Within 24 Hours, Within 72 Hours, Within Five Business Days
  - Updated: Immediately, Within One Working Day
- Summary of changes to the **Immediately** reportable disease list
  - Diseases that are newly immediately reportable
    - Influenza A, Novel (previously reportable within 24 hours)
    - Melioidosis
    - Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS)
    - Sudden Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)
    - Viral hemorrhagic fever, filovirus
    - Viral hemorrhagic fever, other
  - Diseases that are newly reportable within one working day
    - Arboviral disease (Arboviruses)
    - Brucellosis (*Brucella* spp.)
    - Chikungunya virus (now included in broader arboviral disease)
    - Dengue virus (now included in broader arboviral disease)
    - *Escherichia coli* infection (including but not limited to, *E. coli* O157, *E. coli* O157:H7, non-O157 *E. coli*, and Shiga toxin detected)
    - Hantavirus pulmonary syndrome (Hantavirus)
    - Hepatitis A, viral (Anti-HAV IgM or RNA detected)
    - Hepatitis viral, Type E (Anti-HEV IgM and IgG)
    - HIV infection/disease, pregnant woman or perinatally exposed infant
    - Japanese encephalitis (Japanese encephalitis virus)
    - La Crosse virus
    - Powassan virus
    - Q fever (*Coxiella burnetii*)
    - Shigellosis (*Shigella* spp. and antimicrobial susceptibility testing)
    - St. Louis encephalitis (St. Louis encephalitis virus)
    - Typhoid and paratyphoid fever (*Salmonella* serotype Typhi, *Salmonella* serotype Paratyphi)
    - West Nile Virus (West Nile virus)
    - Western equine encephalitis (Western equine encephalitis virus)
    - Yellow fever (Yellow fever virus)
- Summary of changes to the **Within One Working Day** reportable disease list
  - All diseases that were previously reportable within 24 hours, 72 hours, or five business days have been combined and are now reportable within one working day



- Changes include additions from previously immediately reportable list above
  - Diseases that are newly reportable within one working day
    - Acute Flaccid Myelitis (AFM)
    - *Candida auris* and unusual *Candida* spp. (species other than *C. albicans*, *C. parapsilosis*, *C. dubliniensis*, *C. lusitaniae*, *C. tropicalis* or *C. krusei*)
    - Hepatitis, Viral, Type C, perinatally exposed infant
    - Lymphocytic choriomeningitis virus
    - Pandrug-resistant organisms
  - Diseases previously reportable that have been modified in scope
    - Carbapenemase-Producing Organisms (CPO)
      - Previously only CP-CRE
    - Vancomycin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (VRSA) and Vancomycin intermediate *Staphylococcus aureus* (VISA)
      - Previously *Staphylococcus aureus*, vancomycin resistance level of MIC  $\geq 8$   $\mu\text{g/mL}$  or severe *Staphylococcus aureus* in a previously healthy person
    - Arboviral diseases were re-grouped to be listed together under arboviral rather than by individual name, with the exception of Eastern equine encephalitis virus (EEEV) disease
- Diseases that are no longer reportable to the IDOH
  - Cysticercosis (*Taenia solium*)
  - Typhus, endemic (flea-borne)
  - Adverse events or complications due to smallpox vaccination or secondary transmission to others after vaccination
- Summary of changes to Reportable Result/Pathogen List for Laboratories
  - Changes to the result/pathogen list and reportability timeframes mirror the updated reportable disease list
  - Updated list of isolates that must be submitted to the IDOH laboratory within one business day
    - *Bacillus anthracis*
    - *Brucella* spp.
    - *Burkholderia mallei/pseudomallei*
    - *Francisella tularensis*
    - *Yersinia pestis*

