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Subject: Texas Notifiable Condition: Coronavirus, novel (COVID-19)

Dear Provider,

Coronavirus, novel (COVID-19) is a REPORT IMMEDIATELY notifiable condition in Texas.

If a patient residing within the City of Houston tests **positive for COVID-19** YOU MUST **REPORT IMMEDIATELY BY PHONE to 832-393-5080** (24 hours, Houston Health Department Bureau of Epidemiology) and **fax positive laboratory results to 832-393-5232.**

Patients residing outside of city limits must be **reported immediately** by phone and fax to the appropriate health department (contact information for Houston Area Health Departments is listed on page 3).

Please have the following information available, at a minimum, when calling to report a COVID-19 case:

- Patient's demographic information (name, date of birth, sex, race/ethnicity)
- Patient's contact information (address, phone numbers)
- Clinical information (symptoms, date of onset, method of diagnosis, hospitalization status)
- Provider information (diagnosing facility, physician name, contact information)

Several Texas laws ([Health & Safety Code, Chapters 81, 84, and 87](#)) require specific information regarding notifiable conditions be provided to local health Department. Health care providers, hospitals, laboratories, schools, and others are required to report patients who are suspected of having a notifiable condition ([Chapter 97, Title 25, Texas Administrative Code](#)) The list of notifiable conditions in Texas can be found at <https://dshs.texas.gov/idcu/investigation/conditions/> (also available on page 2).

Thank you for reporting notifiable conditions to the Bureau of Epidemiology at the Houston Health Department. Timely reporting allows the Health Department to respond to and control potential disease outbreaks. Reporting also allows the Health Department to monitor disease trends in Houston.

- If you seek general information about COVID-19, please visit <https://houstonemergency.org/covid19>
- If you have specific questions concerning COVID-19 outside of reporting, please call HHD's COVID-19 call center at 832-393-4220 (Mon-Fri 9 am – 7 pm, Sat 9 am to 3 pm)
- Information regarding assistance for food, housing and medical care can be obtained by calling 211

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Texas Department of State Health Services

Texas Notifiable Conditions - 2020

Report all Confirmed and Suspected cases
24/7 Number for Immediately Reportable – 1-800-705-8868

Unless noted by*, report to your local or regional health department using number above or find contact information at <http://www.dshs.texas.gov/idcu/investigation/conditions/contacts/>

Contact Information



A – L	When to Report	L – Y	When to Report
*Acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) ¹	Within 1 week	Legionellosis ²	Within 1 week
Amebiasis ²	Within 1 week	Leishmaniasis ²	Within 1 week
Amebic meningitis and encephalitis ²	Within 1 week	Listeriosis ^{2, 3}	Within 1 week
Anaplasmosis ²	Within 1 week	Lyme disease ²	Within 1 week
Anthrax ^{2, 3}	Call Immediately	Malaria ²	Within 1 week
Arboviral infections ^{2, 4, 5}	Within 1 week	Measles (rubeola) ²	Call Immediately
*Asbestosis ⁶	Within 1 week	Meningococcal infection, invasive (<i>Neisseria meningitidis</i>) ^{2, 3}	Call Immediately
Ascariasis ²	Within 1 week	Multidrug-resistant <i>Acinetobacter</i> (MDR-A) ^{2, 7}	Within 1 work day
Babesiosis ²	Within 1 week	Mumps ²	Within 1 work day
Botulism (adult and infant) ^{2, 3, 8}	Call Immediately ⁸	Paragonimiasis ²	Within 1 week
Brucellosis ^{2, 3}	Within 1 work day	Pertussis ²	Within 1 work day
Campylobacteriosis ²	Within 1 week	*Pesticide poisoning, acute occupational ⁹	Within 1 week
*Cancer ¹⁰	See rules ¹⁰	Plague (<i>Yersinia pestis</i>) ^{2, 3}	Call Immediately
Carbapenem-resistant <i>Enterobacteriaceae</i> (CRE) ^{2, 11}	Within 1 work day	Poliomyelitis, acute paralytic ²	Call Immediately
Chagas disease ^{2, 5}	Within 1 week	Poliovirus infection, non-paralytic ²	Within 1 work day
*Chancroid ¹	Within 1 week	Prion disease such as Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD) ^{2, 12}	Within 1 week
*Chickenpox (varicella) ¹³	Within 1 week	Q fever ²	Within 1 work day
* <i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i> infection ¹	Within 1 week	Rabies, human ²	Call Immediately
*Contaminated sharps injury ¹⁴	Within 1 month	Rubella (including congenital) ²	Within 1 work day
*Controlled substance overdose ¹⁵	Report Immediately	Salmonellosis, including typhoid fever ^{2, 3}	Within 1 week
Coronavirus, novel ^{2, 16}	Call Immediately	Shiga toxin-producing <i>Escherichia coli</i> ^{2, 3}	Within 1 week
Cryptosporidiosis ²	Within 1 week	Shigellosis ²	Within 1 week
Cyclosporiasis ²	Within 1 week	*Silicosis ¹⁷	Within 1 week
Cysticercosis ²	Within 1 week	Smallpox ²	Call Immediately
Diphtheria ^{2, 3}	Call Immediately	*Spinal cord injury ¹⁸	Within 10 work days
*Drowning/near drowning ¹⁸	Within 10 work days	Spotted fever group rickettsioses ²	Within 1 week
Echinococcosis ²	Within 1 week	Streptococcal disease (groups A ² , B ² ; <i>S. pneumoniae</i> ^{2, 3}), invasive	Within 1 week
Ehrlichiosis ²	Within 1 week	*Syphilis – primary and secondary stages ^{1, 19}	Within 1 work day
Fascioliasis ²	Within 1 week	*Syphilis – all other stages ^{1, 19}	Within 1 week
*Gonorrhea ¹	Within 1 week	<i>Taenia solium</i> and undifferentiated <i>Taenia</i> infection ²	Within 1 week
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> , invasive ^{2, 3}	Within 1 week	Tetanus ²	Within 1 week
Hansen's disease (leprosy) ²⁰	Within 1 week	*Traumatic brain injury ¹⁸	Within 10 work days
Hantavirus infection ²	Within 1 week	Trichinosis ²	Within 1 week
Hemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS) ²	Within 1 week	Trichuriasis ²	Within 1 week
Hepatitis A ²	Within 1 work day	Tuberculosis (<i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i> complex) ^{3, 21}	Within 1 work day
Hepatitis B, C, and E (acute) ²	Within 1 week	Tuberculosis infection ²²	Within 1 week
Hepatitis B infection identified prenatally or at delivery (mother) ²	Within 1 week	Tularemia ^{2, 3}	Call Immediately
Hepatitis B, perinatal (HBsAg+ < 24 months old) (child) ²	Within 1 work day	Typhus ²	Within 1 week
Hookworm (ancylostomiasis) ²	Within 1 week	Vancomycin-intermediate <i>Staph aureus</i> (VISA) ^{2, 3}	Call Immediately
*Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), acute infection ^{1, 23}	Within 1 work day	Vancomycin-resistant <i>Staph aureus</i> (VISA) ^{2, 3}	Call Immediately
*Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), non-acute infection ^{1, 23}	Within 1 week	<i>Vibrio</i> infection, including cholera ^{2, 3}	Within 1 work day
Influenza-associated pediatric mortality ²	Within 1 work day	Viral hemorrhagic fever (including Ebola) ²	Call Immediately
Influenza, novel ²	Call Immediately	Yellow fever ²	Call Immediately
*Lead, child blood, any level & adult blood, any level ²⁴	Call/Fax Immediately	Yersiniosis ²	Within 1 week

In addition to specified reportable conditions, any outbreak, exotic disease, or unusual group expression of disease that may be of public health concern should be reported by the most expeditious means available. This includes any case of a select agent ²⁵
 See select agent list at <https://www.selectagents.gov/selectagentsandtoxinslist.html>

*See condition-specific footnotes for reporting contact information

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Houston Area Health Departments

Harris County Public Health

Telephone: (713) 439-6000

Fax: (713) 439-6306

After Hours: (713) 755-5000

<http://publichealth.harriscountytx.gov/>

Houston Health Department

Telephone: (832) 393-5080 (24 hr #)

Fax: (832) 393-5232

www.houstontx.gov/health/index.html

Texas Department of State Health Services

Health Service Region 6/5 South

Telephone: (713) 767-3000

Fax: (713) 767-3006

After Hours: (800) 270-3128

www.dshs.state.tx.us/region6-5/default.shtm

Galveston County Health District

Telephone: (409) 938-2322

Fax: (409) 938-2399

After Hours: (888) 241-0442

www.qchd.org

Montgomery County Public Health Department

Telephone: (936) 523-5026

Fax: (936) 539-9272

After Hours: (888) 825-9754

<https://mcphd-tx.org>

Fort Bend County Health and Human Services

Telephone: (281) 342-6414

Fax: (281) 342-7371

After Hours: (281) 434-6494

www.fortbendcountvvhhs.com

Brazoria County Health Department

Telephone: (979) 864-2168

Fax: (979) 864-3694

After Hours: (800) 511-1632

www.publichealthmatters.net

Chambers County Health Department

Telephone: (409) 267-2730

Fax: (409) 267-4276

After Hours: (409) 267-9862

https://www.co.chambers.tx.us/page/health_department

Beaumont Public Health Document

Telephone: 409-654-3603

FAX: 409-832-4270

After Hours: 409-998-3389

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Port Arthur Public Health Department

Telephone: 409-983-8832

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Hardin County Health Department/Orange County

Telephone: (409)209-5363

Fax: (409)246-4373 or (409)246-5263

After Hours: (409)659-7759

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