

Harris County

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The Required Reportable Conditions in Texas

Several Texas laws (Health & Safety Code, Chapter 81, 84, and 92) authorize the Texas Board of Health to establish and maintain a list of reportable diseases or health conditions. The purpose of disease reporting is to recognize trends in disease of public health importance and to intervene in outbreak or epidemic situations. The system is founded upon the clinical recognition or suspicion of these diseases by physicians, nurses, and other health professionals. Health care providers, hospitals, laboratories, schools, child care facilities, veterinarians, dentists, chiropractors and others are required to report patients who are suspected of having a notifiable condition. (Chapter 97, Title 25, Texas Administrative Code.) **Failure to report is a class C misdemeanor.**

Below is a list of Notifiable Conditions that are immediately reportable by telephone. Cases or suspected cases (*waiting for confirmation on a suspect case may hamper public health intervention activities*) of illness considered to be of **public health emergencies, outbreaks, and unusual group expressions of disease** must be reported to your local health department **immediately.**

Anthrax Botulism, foodborne Brucellosis Diphtheria <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> , type B, invasive ¹	Hepatitis A, acute Measles (rubeola) Meningococcal infections, invasive ¹ Pertussis Plague	Poliomyelitis, acute paralytic Q fever Rabies, human Rubella (including congenital) Severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS)	Smallpox Tuberculosis ³ Tularemia <i>Vibrio</i> infection, including cholera Viral hemorrhagic fever Yellow fever
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The following is a list of Notifiable Conditions that are reportable **within one week** by telephone, fax or mail.

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) ² Amebiasis Asbestosis Botulism, infant Campylobacteriosis Chancroid ² Chickenpox (varicella) <i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i> infections ² (laboratory confirmed only) Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD) Cryptosporidiosis Cyclosporiasis	Dengue Drowning/Near drowning Ehrlichiosis Encephalitis (specific etiology) Enterohemorrhagic coli, including 0157:H7 Gonorrhea ² Hansen's disease (leprosy) Hantavirus infection Hemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS) Hepatitis (specific type) includes B, C, D, E, & unspecified Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) ²	Lead, adult & child elevated blood Legionellosis Listeriosis Lyme disease Malaria Meningitis (specific type) Mumps Pesticide Poisoning, acute occupational Relapsing fever Salmonellosis, including typhoid fever Shigellosis	Silicosis Spotted fever group rickettsioses Streptococcal disease, invasive including Group A, B and <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> Syphilis ² Tetanus Trichinosis Typhus Yersiniosis
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When reporting, it is helpful to give the following information: name of patient, address, city, zip code, telephone number, date of birth, age, sex, race/ethnicity, disease diagnosis, type of lab confirmation (including lab report/admit and discharge diagnosis), date of acute onset, physician, symptoms and source of infection.

¹ Includes meningitis, septicemia, cellulitis, epiglottitis, osteomyelitis, pericarditis, septic arthritis, pneumonia (sterile site specimen only).
² Gonorrhea, syphilis, chancroid, laboratory confirmed *Chlamydia trachomatis*, and AIDS/HIV should be reported directly to STD Control, Houston Department of Health and Human Services, 8000 North Stadium Dr., Houston, TX 77054, telephone number (713) 794-9181.
³ Residents of Harris County excluding City of Houston: HCPHES TB Program telephone number (713) 439-6214 or fax numbers (713) 439-6371. City of Houston Residents report Tuberculosis directly to HDHHS TB Control, 6260 West Park, # 200, Houston, TX 77057, telephone number (713) 278-6600.

Below is a list of helpful telephone numbers to report conditions to.

2223 West Loop South. Houston, Texas 77027

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Harris County Public Health & Environmental Services

Telephone: (713) 439-6000
Fax: (713) 439-6306
After Hours: (713) 755-5000

Houston Department of Health and Human Services

Telephone: (713) 794-9181 (24 HR #)
Fax: (713) 794-9182

Montgomery County Health Department

Telephone: (936) 525-2800
Fax: (936) 539-9272
After Hours: (800) 917-8906

Texas Department of State Health Services - HSR 6/5

Telephone: (713) 767-3000
Fax: (713) 767-3006
After Hours: (800) 270-3128

Galveston County Health District

Telephone: (409) 938-2322
Fax: (409) 938-2399
After Hours: (888) 241-0442

Fort Bend County Health and Human Services

Telephone: (281) 238-3233
After Hours: (281) 434-6494

Brazoria County Health Department

Telephone: (979) 864-1166
Fax: (979) 864-1501
After Hours: (800) 511-1632