



NOTIFIABLE CONDITIONS



Call Immediately

Anthrax	Plague
Botulism, foodborne	Poliomyelitis, acute paralytic
Controlled substance overdose	Rabies, human
Diphtheria	Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)
Haemophilus influenzae type b infection, invasive	Smallpox
Lead, child blood at any level	<i>Staph. aureus</i> , vancomycin-resistant (VISA and VRSA)
Lead, adult blood at any level	Tularemia
Measles (rubeola)	Viral hemorrhagic fever
Meningococcal infections, invasive	Yellow fever

Within 1 work day

Brucellosis	Q fever
Hepatitis A	Rubella (including congenital)
Hepatitis B (acute & chronic) identified prenatally or at delivery	Tuberculosis (includes all <i>M. tuberculosis</i> , complex)
Pertussis	<i>Vibrio</i> infection, including cholera

Within One Week

Acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS)	Legionellosis
Amebiasis	Leishmaniasis
Arbovirus infection	Listeriosis
Asbestosis	Lyme disease
Botulism, infant, wound, and other	Malaria
Campylobacteriosis	Meningitis (specify type)
Chancroid	Mumps
Chickenpox (varicella)	Pesticide poisoning, acute occupational
<i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i> infection	Relapsing fever
Contaminated sharps injury	Salmonellosis, including typhoid fever
Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD)	Shigellosis
Cryptosporidiosis	Silicosis
Cyclosporiasis	Spotted fever group rickettsioses
Cysticercosis	Streptococcal disease (group A, B, S. pneumo), invasive
Dengue	Syphilis
Ehrlichiosis	<i>Taenia solium</i> and undifferentiated <i>Taenia</i> infection
Encephalitis (specify etiology)	Tetanus
<i>Escherichia coli</i> , enterohemorrhagic	Trichinosis
Gonorrhea	Typhus
Hansen's disease (leprosy)	West Nile Fever
Hantavirus infection	Yersiniosis
Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (HUS)	Drowning/near drowning
Hepatitis B, C, D, E, and unspecified (acute)	Spinal cord injury
Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection	Traumatic brain injury

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.

Several Texas laws (Health & Safety Code, Chapters 81, 84, and 87) require specific information regarding notifiable conditions be provided to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). 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).

Release of this information is allowable under HIPPA regulations. Section 164.512(b) permits covered entities to release private health information to a public health authority that is authorized by law to collect and receive information for preventing and controlling disease. This information includes reporting of disease, public health investigations, and public health interventions. Under this exception you are authorized to release information to the public health department

Denton County Health Department
Business Hours (940)349-2916 or (940)349-2919
24 Hour Emergency Line (940) 349-2909

How to Report

Sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS should be reported to DSHS Region 2/3 (817) 264-4773, (817) 264-4778 fax.

Tuberculosis should be reported to [Charleen Neal](#), DCHD TB Program Manager, (940) 349-2562.

Chickenpox should be reported to Jennifer Ochieng, MPH, Epidemiology Investigator, (940) 349-2919, (940) 349-5078 fax.

Controlled substance overdoses should be reported to the [Poison Control Center](#), 1-800-222-1222.

All other diseases and conditions should be reported to Juan Rodriguez, MPH, Chief Epidemiologist for the Denton County Health Department, (940) 349-2916, or to Jennifer Ochieng, MPH, Epidemiology Investigator, (940) 349-2919. Reports may be faxed to (940) 349-5078.

DCHD voicemail and faxes are confidential.

At a minimum, disease investigators will ask:

- Patient name
- Address
- Phone number
- Date of birth
- Sex
- Race/ethnicity
- For a faxed copy of confirmatory lab work (when available)

Additional information may be requested in order to conduct public health protection measures.