

# Disease Reporting for Clinicians

K.S.A. 65-118, 65-128, 65-6001 through 65-6007, K.A.R. 28-1-2, 28-1-4, and 28-1-18 Statutes and regulations as amended, current through 1/1/10

Disease reports should be made to the Kansas Department of Health & Environment and the local health department and should include at least the patient's name, home address, phone number, date of birth, sex, the diagnosis, and the date of symptom onset. Most reports should be made within one working day of the diagnosis.

Disease reporting enables appropriate public health follow-up for your patients, helps identify outbreaks, provides a better understanding of morbidity patterns, and may even save lives. Remember HIPAA does not prohibit you from reporting protected health information to public health authorities for the purpose of preventing or controlling disease, including public health surveillance and investigations; see 45 CFR 164.512(b)(1)(i).

By law, Kansas clinicians must report diagnoses of specified infections, diseases, and conditions. Both lab-confirmed and clinically suspect cases are reportable. The parallel system of lab reporting does not obviate the clinician's obligation to report. Some conditions (e.g., uncommon illnesses of public health significance, animal bites, HUS, PID, disease outbreaks) are rarely if ever identified by labs. **Public health depends on clinicians to report.**

## Report these diseases IMMEDIATELY:

Anthrax	Rabies (human & animal)
Botulism	Rubella
Cholera	SARS
Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (or other prion illness)	Smallpox
Measles (rubeola)	Tuberculosis, active disease
Meningitis, bacterial	Viral hemorrhagic fever
Mumps	<i>Any outbreak of disease*</i>
Pertussis	<i>Any uncommon illness of public health</i>
Poliomyelitis	<i>significance**</i>
Plague	Suspected acts of terrorism
Q Fever	

*\*Outbreaks are > 2 cases from separate households associated with a suspected common source.*

*\*\*We can't list every exotic disease. Ask yourself, might there be public health implications? If the answer is "yes" or "maybe" give us a call. There are no penalties for over-reporting. EPI Reporting Form Link : [http://www.kdheks.gov/epi/download/KANSAS\\_NOTIFIABLE\\_DISEASE\\_FORM.pdf](http://www.kdheks.gov/epi/download/KANSAS_NOTIFIABLE_DISEASE_FORM.pdf)*

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## Report these diseases within 1 WORKING DAY:

AIDS	Gonorrhea	Psittacosis
Amebiasis	Haemophilus influenza, (invasive disease)	Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever
Arboviral disease (West Nile virus, Western Equine encephalitis, St. Louis encephalitis)	Hantavirus (pulmonary disease)	Salmonella
Brucellosis	Hemolytic uremic syndrome, postdiarrheal	Shigellosis
Campylobacter	Hepatitis viral (acute & chronic)	Streptococcal invasive, drug-resistant disease from Group A Strep or Strep pneumoniae
Chancroid	Hepatitis B (pregnancy)	Syphilis
Chlamydia	HIV (includes Viral Load Tests)	Tetanus
Cryptosporidiosis	Influenza (deaths < 18 years)	Toxic Shock Syndrome
Cyclospora	Legionellosis	Trichinosis
Diphtheria	Leprosy	Tuberculosis, latent infection
Ehrlichiosis	Listeriosis	Tularemia
E. Coli O157:H7 (Shiga-toxigenic)	Lyme disease	Varicella
Giardiasis	Malaria	Yellow fever

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