

# Diseases of Public Health Significance

Diseases that are **bold** should be reported immediately by phone and those not emboldened can be reported by next working day.

Local Northwestern Health Unit offices can be contacted Monday to Friday from 8:30-4:30 through local office contacts or toll free at 1-800-830-5978. After-hours support is available 24/7 at 1-866-475-6505

The following designated diseases under the *Health Protection and Promotion Act* are to be reported to the Medical Officer of Health.

## Zoonotic/Enteric Diseases:

Amoebiasis  
Anaplasmosis  
**Anthrax**  
Babesiosis  
Blastomycosis  
**Botulism**  
**Brucellosis**  
Campylobacter enteritis  
**Cholera**  
**Clostridium difficile infection (CDI) outbreaks and outbreak associated cases within hospitals, preliminary notification**  
**Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease, all types**  
Cryptosporidiosis  
Cyclosporiasis  
Echinococcus multilocularis infection  
Food Poisoning, all causes  
**Gastroenteritis, institutional outbreaks**  
Giardiasis, except asymptomatic cases  
**Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome**  
**Hemorrhagic fevers, including:**  

1. **Ebola virus disease**
2. **Marburg virus disease**
3. **Other viral causes**

**Hepatitis A**  
**Lassa Fever**  
Listeriosis  
Lyme Disease  
Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning  
Paratyphoid Fever  
**Plague**  
Powassan virus  
Psittacosis/Ornithosis  
**Q Fever**  
**Rabies**  
Salmonellosis  
Shigellosis  
Trichinosis  
Tularemia  
Typhoid Fever  
**Verotoxin-producing E.Coli infection indicator conditions including Hemolytic Uraemic Syndrome (HUS)**  
West Nile Virus  
Yersiniosis

## Respiratory/Direct Contact Diseases:

Acute Flaccid Paralysis  
Candida auris infection  
Carbapenemase-producing Enterobacteriaceae (CPE)  
COVID-19  
Encephalitis, including:  

1. Primary, viral
2. Post-infectious; Vaccine-related; Subacute sclerosing panencephalitis; and unspecified

**Haemophilus influenzae disease, all types, invasive**  
Influenza (**\*novel strains**)  
Legionellosis  
Leprosy  
Meningitis, acute  

1. Bacterial
2. Viral
3. Other

**Monkeypox**  
**Meningococcal disease, invasive**  
Ophthalmia neonatorum  
**Respiratory infection outbreaks in institutions and public hospitals**  
**MERS-CoV, SARS-CoV**  
**Streptococcal Infections, Group A invasive**  
Streptococcal Infections, Group B neonatal  
**Smallpox**  
Tuberculosis

## Sexually Transmitted Infections/Blood Borne Infections:

Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (HIV/AIDS)  
Chancroid  
Chlamydia trachomatis infections  
Gonorrhea  
Hepatitis B  
Hepatitis C  
Syphilis

## Vaccine-preventable Diseases:

**Diphtheria**  
**Measles**  
Mumps  
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)  
**Poliomyelitis, acute**  
**Rubella**  
Rubella, congenital syndrome  
Streptococcus pneumoniae, invasive  
Tetanus  
Varicella (chickenpox)



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