



**TO: West Virginia Healthcare Providers, Hospitals and Other Healthcare Facilities**

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**LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS: Please distribute to community health providers, hospital-based physicians, infection control preventionists, laboratory directors and other applicable partners.**

**OTHER RECIPIENTS: Please distribute to association members, staff, etc.**

This Health Advisory serves as a reminder to all healthcare providers and laboratorians to report outbreaks, communicable diseases, and unusual conditions or emerging infectious diseases during the 24<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree (WSJ) as required by the West Virginia Legislative Rule for Reportable Diseases, Events and Conditions (64CSR7). West Virginia will host the WSJ July 22, 2019 - August 2, 2019 at the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve (SBR) in Mount Hope, West Virginia. The WSJ is anticipated to be one of the largest mass gatherings in the State's history with over 43,000 scouts from 138 countries. Additionally, SBR will be open to day visitors, increasing the number of people on the reserve to approximately 50,000. The event is expected to bring an increased number of visitors to Fayette, Raleigh and surrounding counties.

The Bureau for Public Health is working with the WSJ to track and monitor reports of illness, injury or disease. Outbreak detection and response activities will be enhanced over the course of the event.

Situations that should be reported to the Bureau for Public Health include:

- Outbreaks or clusters of disease (immediately reportable to the local health department);
- Reportable diseases (as defined by the Legislative Reportable Disease Rule, 64CSR7); and
- Unusual conditions or emerging infectious diseases (reportable within 24 hours to the local health department).

If you have any questions or need additional clarification, please contact the Office of Epidemiology and Prevention Services, Division of Infectious Disease Epidemiology at (304) 558-5358, extension 1 or the 24/7 answering service at (304) 347-0843.