

Reportable Disease Rule Summary:

The Reportable Disease Rule establishes the framework for identifying and controlling public health threats in West Virginia. The rule serves several key functions:

- **Standardized Reporting:** It outlines procedures for reporting specific diseases and conditions to the Bureau for Public Health (BPH) and lists all reportable conditions.
- **Public Health Oversight:** Enforced by the BPH commissioner, the rule assigns responsibility for disease control and supports the timely identification of health issues.
- **Surveillance and Prevention:** It enables the detection of new or changing disease patterns and helps address specific areas requiring public health intervention.

The Reportable Disease Rule enables state and local health departments (LHD) to:

- Receive reports of diseases from providers and laboratories.
- Take action to prevent and control disease.
- Investigate and control outbreaks.
- Protect the identity of persons and facilities .

Tools for rule implementation:

- [Link to reporting requirements in West Virginia](#)
- [Link to reportable disease rule](#)
- [Link for 2025 reportable disease rule updates](#)
- Links to reportable disease chart for providers, physicians, and facilities:
 - [Color-coded](#)
 - [Black and White](#)
- Links to reportable disease chart for laboratory paper reporting:
 - [Color-coded](#)
 - [Black and White](#)
- [Link to laboratory electronic reporting](#)
- [Outbreak investigation protocol](#)
- [Reportable disease protocol manual](#)
- [Disease reporting form \(yellow card\)](#)

Category I diseases and conditions: Providers and Laboratories report immediately to LHD by [phone](#).

Providers: Phone call should be followed with a written report using the [Confidential Case Report Form](#).

Laboratories: Phone call should be followed with a copy of the laboratory report or electronic laboratory report (ELR).

- Prevent and control disease
- Coordinate multi-agency response
- Facilitate laboratory confirmation
- Respond to community concerns
- *Examples:*
 - Category I bioterrorism agents
 - Outbreaks
 - Measles

Category II diseases and conditions: Report within 24 hours to LHD by [phone](#).

Providers: Followed with a written report using the [Confidential Case Report Form](#).

Laboratories: Copy of the lab report or ELR.

- Prevent or control disease
- Facilitate laboratory confirmation
- *Examples:*
 - Animal bites
 - Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis D
 - Tuberculosis (TB)
- *Added in 2025:*
 - Acute Flaccid Myelitis (AFM)
 - *Candida auris* infection

Category III diseases: Report within 72 hours to LHD.

Providers: Written report using the [Confidential Case Report Form](#).

Laboratories: Copy of the lab report or ELR.

- Prevent and control disease
- Promptly recognize outbreaks
- Improve recall of food history and other risk factors
- Facilitate molecular typing of selected pathogens
- *Examples:*

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- Foodborne and waterborne pathogens

Category IV diseases and conditions: Report within 1 week to LHD.

Providers: Written report using the [Confidential Case Report Form](#).

Laboratories: Copy of the lab report or ELR.

- Facilitate disease surveillance
- *Examples:*
 - Mosquito-borne and tick-borne diseases
 - Legionellosis
 - Aggregate counts of chickenpox
 - Tetanus
- *Added in 2025:*
 - SARS CoV-2 (Covid-19)-related death in an individual <18 years of age
 - Carbapenem-resistant organism (CRO)
 - Carbapenemase-producing organism (CPO)

Category V reportable conditions: Report within 1 week to Bureau for Public Health (BPH).

Providers: Written report using the [Confidential Case Report Form](#).

Laboratories: Copy of the lab report or ELR.

- Facilitate disease surveillance at the state level
- *Examples:*
 - Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)
 - Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs)
 - Hepatitis C
- *Added in 2025:*
 - Alpha-gal Syndrome (AGS)

Electronic laboratory reporting:

- Laboratories participating with the West Virginia Health Information Network (WVHIN) shall report laboratory data to [WVHIN](#).
- When a laboratory is designated as a validated submitter by the Commissioner, the laboratory may substitute electronic reporting to WVHIN or the West Virginia Electronic Disease Surveillance System (WVEDSS) for the required paper reporting.
- When the laboratory is designated a validated submitter via HL7 message, it shall report the conditions listed on the electronic laboratory reporting chart through a realtime electronic feed. <https://oeeps.wv.gov/electronic-laboratory-reporting-elr>
 - A wall chart for electronic laboratory reporting is found at: <https://oeeps.wv.gov/media/894/download?inline>

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- Examples:
 - Adenovirus
 - Respiratory syncytial virus, evidence of acute infection
 - Enterovirus (non-polio), laboratory evidence of acute infection;
- *Added in 2025:*
 - SARS CoV-2 (COVID-19) evidence of acute infection (PCR)

Additional required reporting:

- **All** vaccinations administered to children from birth through age 18 must be reported to the West Virginia Statewide Immunization Information System (WVSIIS) within 2 weeks of administration whether with public or privately supplied vaccine and whether in public or private setting.
- Administration of immunizations against the following diseases are reportable for all ages: diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, hepatitis A, Haemophilus influenzae type b disease, chickenpox, pneumococcal diseases, meningococcal diseases, rotavirus, influenza, human papilloma virus (HPV) and any additional immunizations required by the Commissioner for public health purposes as published by an order filed with the secretary of state.
- Disease outbreaks are immediately reportable to the LHD by phone, regardless of setting.
- Potentially Rabid Animal Bites, Rabid Animals, Rabies Pre-Exposure Vaccinations, and Post-Exposure Prophylaxis should be reported to the LHD within 24 hours by phone.

Summary of health care provider and health care facility responsibilities:

- Providers who suspect, diagnose or treat a reportable condition in categories I-IV must report it to the LHD under this rule. Category V should be reported to the Office of Epidemiology and Prevention Services. Outbreaks of all categories should be reported to the LHD.
- Providers must assist in case or outbreak investigation and public health management of cases, including contact tracing and prophylaxis.
- Providers must submit specimens to the Office of Laboratory Services (OLS) if requested.
- Providers must report pertinent negative test results.
- Contact notification for tuberculosis, HIV, or STDs can be performed by the [State program](#).

Summary of Laboratory responsibilities:

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- Report conditions described in the reportable disease rule.
- Submit specimens/isolates to OLS as directed per the reportable disease rule (see [www.wv.gov/chart](#)).
- Outbreak-related specimens/isolates may be requested.
- Electronic laboratory reporting can occur when labs are designated as validated submitters by the BPH.

Summary of responsibilities of schools:

- Report outbreaks, diseases as required under 64CSR7.
- Assist in case and outbreak investigation and management.
- Follow [control and prevention recommendations](#).
- Contact [State program for STD, HIV, TB](#) patient and contact notification.
- Schools: Personally identifying information (PII) can be disclosed to public health during case or outbreak investigation; exempt from the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

Confidentiality provisions:

- Information collected is confidential and free from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).
- Selected information may be released (under certain conditions) to:
 - Patient
 - Patient's legal representative
 - Patient's medical provider for purpose of medical treatment
 - Health Department
 - Patient's employer or school/daycare (only to the extent necessary to prevent spread)

Call for questions:

- Local Health Department
 - County _____
 - Phone _____
 - Fax _____
 - Website _____
- Office of Epidemiology and Prevention Services
 - Phone: (304) 558-5358
 - Secure Fax for reporting: (304) 558-8736
 - Website: www.oeps.wv.gov