

ZOONOTIC DISEASE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS IN DOMESTIC COMPANION ANIMALS

N.J.A.C. 8:57-2.7

“Domestic companion animal” means any domestic dog, cat, ferret, bird, reptile, rodent, rabbit (not raised for food or fur), or other animal kept primarily as a household pet for personal appreciation and companionship. It includes feral and free-roaming dogs and cats but does NOT include livestock, wildlife or research animals.

Who is required to report?

- Veterinarians, certified Animal Control Officers (ACOs), and managers of licensed animal facilities or animal rescue organizations
- Veterinary diagnostic laboratories

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Report the following:

- Animal bite (human) or other potential human rabies exposure (report within 12 hours)
- Anthrax
- Avian chlamydiosis
- Campylobacteriosis
- Canine brucellosis
- *Escherichia coli* (shiga toxin-producing strains, STEC)
- Glanders
- Harmful algal bloom-associated illness
- Leishmaniasis
- Leptospirosis
- Lymphocytic choriomeningitis
- Melioidosis
- *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*
- Outbreak of any communicable disease (suspected or confirmed)
- Plague
- Q Fever
- Rabies (suspected or confirmed; refer to N.J.A.C. 8:23 for requirements/timeframes)
- Salmonellosis
- SARS-CoV-2
- Tularemia

Veterinary diagnostic laboratories

Report positive test results for the following organisms:

- *Bacillus anthracis*
- *Brucella canis*
- *Burkholderia mallei*
- *Burkholderia pseudomallei*
- *Campylobacter* spp.
- *Chlamydia psittaci*
- *Coxiella burnetii*
- *Escherichia coli* (shiga toxin-producing strains, STEC)
- *Francisella tularensis*
- *Leishmania* spp.
- *Leptospira* spp.
- Lymphocytic choriomeningitis virus
- *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*
- *Salmonella* spp.
- SARS-CoV-2
- *Yersinia pestis*

How to find the local health department

Go to nj.gov/health/cd/reporting/ or scan the QR code.

How to report to public health

- Reports must be made by the next business day unless otherwise specified to the local health department where the animal or outbreak is located by telephone, fax, or secure email. Copy NJDOH via email (zoonoticrn@doh.nj.gov) or fax (609-826-4874).
- Veterinarians, ACOs, and Managers must submit a CDS-32 Zoonotic Disease Incident Report Form or other equivalent written report.
- Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratories must submit reports containing:
 - Name, age, and species of the animal
 - Contact information for animal owner, animal facility, laboratory, and veterinarian/veterinary clinic
 - Test name and date performed, test result, specimen source, type, and collection date

CDS-32 Form



Reporting Website

