

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

CLINICAL LABORATORIES

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Positive test results, and negative where indicated by (+/-), are reportable to the local health department (LHD) by telephone and/or through electronic laboratory reporting (ELR) or reporting into Communicable Disease Surveillance and Reporting System (CDRSS).

Where “” is indicated, specimens must be submitted to the NJ Public Health and Environmental Laboratories (PHEL).

Report IMMEDIATELY to LHD by telephone unless specified as ELR:

- *Acanthamoeba* spp.
- Acid-fast bacilli (ELR only)
- *Bacillus anthracis*
- *Balamuthia mandrillaris*
- *Burkholderia pseudomallei*
- *Clostridium botulinum*
- *Corynebacterium diphtheriae*
- *Haemophilus influenzae* (sterile site, ELR only) 
- Hantavirus
- Hepatitis A (including ALT/AST, total bilirubin, ELR only)
- Influenza A virus, novel and/or unsubtypeable 
- *Naegleria fowleri*
- *Neisseria meningitidis* (sterile site) 
- Orthopoxvirus monkeypox (ELR only, +/-)
- Poliovirus
- Rabies virus
- Rubella (ELR only, +/-)
- Rubeola (measles) virus (+/-)
- SARS-CoV (excluding SARS-CoV-2)
- Variola virus spp.
- Viral hemorrhagic fevers (e.g., Ebola, Lassa, Marburg)
- *Yersinia pestis*

Report by NEXT BUSINESS DAY to LHD by ELR or reporting into CDRSS:

- Alpha-gal
- *Anaplasma* spp. (+/-)
- Arboviruses (e.g., Bourbon, Cache Valley, California serogroup, Heartland, Japanese encephalitis, La Crosse encephalitis, St. Louis encephalitis, yellow fever, +/-)
- *Babesia* spp. (+/-)
- *Bordetella pertussis*
- *Borrelia* spp.
- *Brucella* spp. (not culture, +/-)
- *Campylobacter* spp.
- *Candida auris* (+/-) 
- Carbapenemase-producing organism (+/-) 
- Chikungunya virus (+/-) 
- *Chlamydia psittaci* (+/-)
- *Chlamydia trachomatis*
- *Clostridium tetani*
- *Coccidioides* spp.*
- *Coxiella burnetii* (+/-)
- *Cronobacter* spp. (invasive, <12 months of age)
- *Cryptosporidium* spp.
- *Cyclospora* spp.
- Dengue virus (+/-)
- Eastern equine encephalitis virus
- *Ehrlichia* spp. (+/-)
- *Escherichia coli* (shiga toxin-producing strains-STE, +/-) 
- *Francisella tularensis* (not culture, +/-)
- *Giardia* spp.
- *Haemophilus ducreyi*
- Hepatitis B/Hepatitis C virus (+/-, and ALT/AST, total bilirubin)
- Human immunodeficiency virus**
- Influenza (ELR only)
- Jamestown Canyon virus
- *Klebsiella granulomatis* (+/-)
- *Legionella* spp. (+/-) 
- *Leptospira* spp. (+/-)
- *Listeria monocytogenes* 
- Mumps (+/-)
- *Mycobacterium leprae*
- *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (incl. antibiotic sensitivity tests)
- *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*
- Nontuberculous mycobacteria 
- *Plasmodium* spp. (+/-)
- Powassan virus (+/-)
- Respiratory syncytial virus
- *Rickettsia* spp. (+/-)
- *Salmonella* spp. (including *S. enterica* serotype Typhi, +/-) 
- SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19)
- *Shigella* spp. (+/-) 
- *Staphylococcus aureus* (VISA*/VRSA only) 
- *Streptococcus agalactiae* (sterile site)
- *Streptococcus pneumoniae* (sterile site, incl. antimicrobial susceptibility tests)
- *Streptococcus pyogenes* (sterile site)
- *Treponema pallidum* (+/-)
- *Trichinella* spp.
- Varicella-zoster virus
- *Vibrio* spp. (incl. *V. cholerae*, +/-)
- West Nile virus (+/-) 
- *Yersinia* spp. (excluding *Y. pestis*)
- Zika virus (+/-)

Report IMMEDIATELY to NJDOH by telephone (609-826-5964) suspect cultures:

- *Bacillus anthracis*
- *Brucella* spp.
- *Burkholderia mallei*
- *Burkholderia pseudomallei*
- *Francisella tularensis*
- *Yersinia pestis*

How to report to public health

- Report to the local health department (LHD) where the case resides. If residence is unknown, report to the LHD where your facility is located. LHDs must be able to receive immediate disease reports 24/7/365.
- Check the NJDOH disease reporting website (QR code or nj.gov/health/cd/reporting/) for additional information on what test results to report, what specimens to submit to PHEL, and how to find local health departments.
- For diseases reportable by telephone, only if the LHD is unreachable, contact NJDOH at 609-826-5964 or on the emergency after-hours number 609-392-2020.

Note: Specimens are also required to be submitted to PHEL for severe and fatal pediatric influenza and RSV; pan-non-susceptible organisms, and vancomycin-resistant *S. aureus* (VRSA).

* Nationally Notifiable Conditions are also reportable. Check the NJDOH reporting page annually for updates.

** Report HIV per reporting mechanisms found at nj.gov/health/hiv/for-professionals/for-laboratories/.

Reporting Website



PHEL Website

