

ADOPTION SECTION

HEALTH

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES BRANCH

Notice of Readoption

Communicable Diseases

Readoption: N.J.A.C. 8:57

Authority: N.J.S.A. 17:23A-13; 18A:61D-1 et seq., particularly 18A:61D-6; 18A:62-15, 15.1 and 15.2; 26:1A-7 and 15; 26:2-137.1; 26:4-1 et seq., particularly 26:4-2 and 26:4-70; 26:5C-1 et seq., particularly 26:5C-6 and 20; and 30:9-57; and Reorganization Plan No. 003-2005 (Governor Codey, June 27, 2005).

Authorized By: Cathleen D. Bennett, Acting Commissioner, Department of Health, in consultation with the Public Health Council.

Effective Date: February 8, 2016.

New Expiration Date: February 8, 2023.

Take notice that, pursuant to Executive Order No. 66 (1978) and N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1, the Acting Commissioner (Commissioner) of the Department of Health (Department) hereby readopts N.J.A.C. 8:57, Communicable Diseases, which was to expire on March 10, 2016.

N.J.A.C. 8:57, Communicable Diseases, establishes standards for reporting, investigation, and other activities attendant to the identification of cases of, at Subchapter 1, certain communicable diseases, at Subchapter 2, HIV infection, and, at Subchapter 5, tuberculosis. The chapter establishes standards for immunization of children at Subchapter 4 and collegians at Subchapter 6. The chapter establishes

standards for an automated and electronic immunization registry, known as the “New Jersey Immunization Information System,” at Subchapter 3. The chapter establishes standards governing student health insurance coverage at Subchapter 7 and childhood immunization insurance coverage at Subchapter 8.

The Department is developing rulemaking to revise, update, and reorganize existing N.J.A.C. 8:57, and anticipates filing this rulemaking with the Office of Administrative Law for processing in the ordinary course. However, this rulemaking will not be proposed prior to the expiration of existing N.J.A.C. 8:57. The Commissioner, in consultation with the Public Health Council, has reviewed N.J.A.C. 8:57 and has determined that, pending the finalization of the anticipated rulemaking described above, the existing chapter remains necessary, proper, reasonable, efficient, understandable, and responsive to the purposes for which the Department originally promulgated it, as amended and supplemented over time, and should be readopted.

Therefore, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1.c(1) and N.J.A.C. 1:30-6.4(h), N.J.A.C. 8:57 is readopted and shall continue in effect for seven years.