

Notifiable Conditions in Texas

• General Instructions

- **WHAT:** The table below lists notifiable conditions in Texas. In addition to these conditions, any **outbreaks, exotic diseases, and unusual group expressions of disease** must be reported. All diseases shall be reported by name, age, sex, race/ethnicity, DOB, address, telephone number, disease, date of onset, method of diagnosis, and name, address, and telephone number of physician.
- **WHEN:** The [Reportable Conditions List](#)(PDF) indicates when to report each condition. Cases or suspected cases of illness considered to be **public health emergencies, outbreaks, exotic diseases,** and unusual group expressions of disease must be reported to the local health department or DSHS **immediately**. Other diseases for which there must be a quick public health response must be reported **within one working day**. All other conditions must be reported to the local health department or DSHS **within one week**.
- **HOW:** Most notifiable conditions, or other illnesses that may be of public health significance, should be reported directly to the [local or health service regions](#). Paper reporting forms can be obtained by calling your local or health service region or by download in PDF format ([Epi-2](#) for more detailed single case medical care provider reports or [Epi-1](#) for less detailed multiple reports). As a last resort or in case of emergency, reports can be made by telephone to the state office at 800-252-8239 or 512-458-7111. Calling 512-458-7111 after hours will reach the physician/epidemiologist-on-call.

• Special Instructions

- **Acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS)** should only be reported once following the initial physician diagnosis. The report date, type and results of tests including a CD4 + T lymphocyte cell count below 200 cells per microliter/percentage < 14% must also be included with the report.
- **Chancroid, Chlamydia trachomatis infection, gonorrhea, human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection, and syphilis** reports must also include the report date, type and results of tests, including a CD4 + T lymphocyte cell count below 200 cells per microliter/percentage < 14% for **HIV infection**.
- **Meningitis** types include aseptic/viral, bacterial (specify etiology), fungal, parasitic, and other.
- **Invasive streptococcal disease, invasive meningococcal infection, or invasive *Haemophilus influenzae* type b infections** refers to isolates from normally sterile sites and includes meningitis, septicemia, cellulitis, epiglottitis, osteomyelitis, pericarditis, septic arthritis, and necrotizing fasciitis.

For more information, call the Infectious Disease Control Unit (IDCU) at (800) 252-8239 (press 1).

• Laboratories

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Immediately report isolates of vancomycin intermediate and resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (VISA) and (VRSA) by calling (800) 252-8239 or faxing (512) 458-7616. Isolates of VISA and VRSA shall be submitted to the Texas Department of State Health Services, Laboratory Services Section, 1100 West 49th Street, Austin, Texas 78756-3199. All reports of VISA and VRSA shall include patient name; date of birth or age; sex; city of submitter; anatomic site of culture; date of culture; and minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) if available.

Laboratories shall submit pure cultures of all ***Bacillus anthracis*, *Clostridium botulinum*, *Brucella* species, *E. coli* 0157:H7, isolates or specimens from cases where Shiga-toxin activity is demonstrated, *Listeria monocytogenes*, *Neisseria meningitidis*** from normally sterile sites, ***Yersinia pestis*, *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* complex, *Francisella tularensis*, *Staphylococcus aureus* with a vancomycin MIC greater than 2 µg/mL (VISA and VRSA), and *Vibrio species***.