



Durham Region Health Department **FAX about...**

For Health Care Professionals



Reporting Diseases of Public Health Significance

Timely reporting of communicable diseases is essential. If you suspect or have laboratory confirmation of any of the following [diseases of public health significance](#) (attached), they must be reported to the local Medical Officer of Health as per the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*.

Bolded diseases must be reported **immediately** (by telephone 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, or by fax Monday – Friday, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm only). All other diseases may be reported on the next working day.

Please note that Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is reportable on the next working day.

In Durham, diseases of public health significance are reported to two different divisions at the health department. Please ensure you report to the correct division as per the attached document.

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905-668-2020 or 1-800-841-2729 | durham.ca/health

If you require this information in an accessible format, contact 1-800-841-2729.



Diseases of Public Health Significance

The following diseases are reportable to the local Medical Officer of Health (Ontario Reg 135/18) under the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*. **Bolded** diseases must be reported **immediately**. All other diseases may be reported on the next work day.

Report diseases listed below to: Population Health Division

605 Rossland Road East, 2nd Floor
P.O. Box 730, Whitby, ON L1N 0B2
Phone: 905-668-2020 or 1-800-841-2729 ext. 2996
Confidential Fax: 905-666-6215
After Hours: 905-576-9991 or 1-800-372-1104

Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS)
Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP)
Chancroid
Chickenpox (Varicella)
Chlamydia trachomatis infections

Coronavirus, novel, including

- **Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)**
- **Middle East Respiratory Syndrome**
- Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

Diphtheria

Encephalitis, including:

1. Primary, viral
2. Post-infectious
3. Vaccine-related
4. Subacute sclerosing panencephalitis
5. Unspecified

Gonorrhoea

Group A Streptococcal disease, invasive

Group B Streptococcal disease, neonatal

Haemophilus influenzae disease, invasive

Hepatitis, viral:

1. Hepatitis B
2. Hepatitis C

Measles

Meningitis, acute:

1. bacterial
2. viral
3. other

Meningococcal disease, invasive

Mumps

Ophthalmia neonatorum

Pertussis (Whooping Cough)

Pneumococcal disease, invasive

Poliomyelitis, acute

Rubella

Rubella, congenital syndrome

Smallpox and other Orthopoxviruses including Monkeypox

Syphilis

Tetanus

Tuberculosis

Report diseases listed below to: Health Protection Division

101 Consumers Drive, 2nd Floor, Whitby, ON L1N 1C4
Phone: 905-668-2020 or 1-800-841-2729 ext. 7369 press option 2
Confidential Fax: 905-666-1833
After Hours: 905-576-9991 or 1-800-372-1104

Amebiasis

Anthrax

Blastomycosis

Botulism

Brucellosis

Campylobacter enteritis

Carbapenemase-producing Enterobacteriaceae (CPE),
infection or colonization

Cholera

Clostridium difficile Infection (CDI)

outbreaks in public hospitals

Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease, all types

Cryptosporidiosis

Cyclosporiasis

Echinococcus multilocularis

Food poisoning, all causes

Gastroenteritis, institutional outbreaks
and public hospitals

Giardiasis, except asymptomatic cases

Hantavirus pulmonary syndrome

Hemorrhagic fevers, including:

1. **Ebola virus disease**
2. **Marburg virus disease**
3. **Lassa Fever**
4. **Other viral causes**

Hepatitis A

Influenza, novel

Influenza, seasonal

Legionellosis

Leprosy

Listeriosis

Lyme Disease

Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning (PSP)

Paratyphoid Fever

Plague

Psittacosis/Ornithosis

Q Fever

Rabies

Respiratory infection outbreaks in institutions
and public hospitals

Salmonellosis

Shigellosis

Trichinosis

Tularemia

Typhoid Fever

Verotoxin-producing *E. coli* infection indicator conditions,
including Haemolytic Uraemic Syndrome (HUS)

West Nile Virus Illness

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