

Reporting an infectious disease or suspect infectious disease?

Reporting of cases of infectious diseases and related conditions is a vital step in controlling and preventing the spread of communicable disease. Cases, suspected cases, carriers, and deaths due to a number of infectious diseases must be reported to the Minnesota Department of Health.

What to report

By law, a number of infectious diseases must be reported to the Minnesota Department of Health.

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/dtopics/reportable/index.html#Example1>

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/dtopics/reportable/rule/poster.html>

Methods of reporting

The Minnesota Department of Health offers multiple ways of reporting infectious diseases. Some diseases must be reported immediately by phone 1-877-676-5414.

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Who is required to report cases of or suspected cases of infectious disease?

Health care practitioners (health care facilities, medical laboratories, and in certain circumstances veterinarians and veterinary medical laboratories) are required to report disease to the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) under Minnesota state law.

Unless previously reported, every licensed health care provider who provides care to any patient who has, is suspected of having, or has died from a reportable disease is required to report. Any person in charge of any institution, school, child care facility, or camp is also required to report disease to MDH.

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/dtopics/reportable/reporters.html>

General inquiries, questions regarding infectious disease

Call Horizon Public Health
Intake Nurse 320-763-6018