Subject: Texas Notifiable Condition: Coronavirus, novel (COVID-19)

Dear Provider,

Coronavirus, novel (COVID-19) is a REPORT IMMEDIATELY notifiable condition in Texas.

If a patient residing within the City of Houston tests positive for COVID-19 YOU MUST REPORT IMMEDIATELY BY PHONE to 832-393-5080 (24 hours, Houston Health Department Bureau of Epidemiology) and fax positive laboratory results to 832-393-5232.

Patients residing outside of city limits must be reported immediately by phone and fax to the appropriate health department (contact information for Houston Area Health Departments is listed on page 3).

Please have the following information available, at a minimum, when calling to report a COVID-19 case:

- Patient's demographic information (name, date of birth, sex, race/ethnicity)
- Patient's contact information (address, phone numbers)
- Clinical information (symptoms, date of onset, method of diagnosis, hospitalization status)
- Provider information (diagnosing facility, physician name, contact information)

Several Texas laws (Health & Safety Code, Chapters 81, 84, and 87) require specific information regarding notifiable conditions to be provided to local health Department. Health care providers, hospitals, laboratories, schools, and others are required to report patients who are suspected of having a notifiable condition (Chapter 97, Title 25, Texas Administrative Code) The list of notifiable conditions in Texas can be found at https://dshs.texas.gov/idcu/investigation/conditions/ (also available on page 2).

Thank you for reporting notifiable conditions to the Bureau of Epidemiology at the Houston Health Department. Timely reporting allows the Health Department to respond to and control potential disease outbreaks. Reporting also allows the Health Department to monitor disease trends in Houston.

- If you seek general information about COVID-19, please visit https://houstonemergency.org/covid19
- If you have specific questions concerning COVID-19 outside of reporting, please call HHD’s COVID-19 call center at 832-393-4220 (Mon-Fri 9 am – 7 pm, Sat 9 am to 3 pm)
- Information regarding assistance for food, housing and medical care can be obtained by calling 211
# Texas Notifiable Conditions - 2020

**Report all Confirmed and Suspected cases**

24/7 Number for Immediately Reportable – 1-800-705-8868

Unless noted by *, report to your local or regional health department using number above or find contact information at [http://www.dshs.texas.gov/idcu/investigation/conditions/contacts/](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/idcu/investigation/conditions/contacts/)

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<td>Rabies, human ²</td>
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<td><em>Contaminated sharps injury</em> ¹⁴</td>
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<td>Rubella (including congenital) ²</td>
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<td><em>Controlled substance overdose</em> ¹⁵</td>
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<td>Salmonellosis, including typhoid fever ², ³</td>
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<td>Hansen’s disease (leprosy) ²⁰</td>
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<td><em>Traumatic brain injury</em> ¹⁸</td>
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<td>Hepatitis D infection identified perinatally or at delivery (mother)*</td>
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<td><em>Tularemia</em> ⁵, ⁶</td>
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<td>Hepatitis B, perinatal (HBsAg+ &lt; 24 months old) (child)²</td>
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<td>Hookworm (<em>Ankylostomiasis</em>) ²</td>
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<td>Vancomycin-intermediate <em>Staphylococcus aureus</em> (VISA) ¹, ³</td>
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<td><em>Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), acute infection</em> ¹, ²³</td>
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<td>Vancomycin-resistant <em>Staphylococcus aureus</em> (VRSA) ¹, ³</td>
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<td><em>Lead, child blood, any level &amp; adults blood, any level</em> ²⁴</td>
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In addition to specified reportable conditions, any outbreak, exotic disease, or unusual group expression of disease that may be of public health concern should be reported by the most expedient means available. This includes any case of a select agent ²⁵

See select agent list at [https://www.selectagents.gov/selecatagentsandtoxinslist.html/](https://www.selectagents.gov/selecatagentsandtoxinslist.html/)

*See condition-specific footnotes for reporting contact information*

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Houston Area Health Departments

Harris County Public Health
Telephone: (713) 439-6000
Fax: (713) 439-6306
After Hours: (713) 755-5000
http://publichealth.harriscountytx.gov/

Texas Department of State Health Services
Health Service Region 6/5 South
Telephone: (713) 767-3000
Fax: (713) 767-3006
After Hours: (800) 270-3128
www.dshs.state.tx.us/region6-5/default.shtm

Montgomery County Public Health Department
Telephone: (936) 523-5026
Fax: (936) 530-9272
After Hours: (888) 825-9754
https://mcphtx.org

Brazoria County Health Department
Telephone: (979) 864-2168
Fax: (979) 864-3694
After Hours: (800) 511-1632
www.publichealthmatters.net

Houston Health Department
Telephone: (832) 393-5080 (24 hr #)
Fax: (832) 393-5232
www.houston.tx.gov/health/index.html

Galveston County Health District
Telephone: (409) 938-2322
Fax: (409) 938-2399
After Hours: (888) 241-0442
www.gchd.org

Fort Bend County Health and Human Services
Telephone: (281) 342-6414
Fax: (281) 342-7371
After Hours: (281) 434-6494
www.fortbendcountyhhs.com

Chambers County Health Department
Telephone: (409) 267-2730
Fax: (409) 267-4276
After Hours: (409) 267-9862
https://www.co.chambers.tx.us/page/health.department

Beaumont Public Health Document
Telephone: 409-654-3603
FAX: 409-832-4270
After Hours: 409-998-3389
sherry.ulmer@beaumonttexas.gov

Port Arthur Public Health Department
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Judith.smith@portarthur.tx.gov

Hardin County Health Department/Orange County
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Fax: (409)246-4373 or (409)246-5263
After Hours: (409)659-7759
Christina.richard@co.hardin.tx.us