



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

NOTIFIABLE CONDITIONS IN TEXAS REPORTING PROTOCOL

Texas Law

Several Texas Laws (Health & Safety Code, Chapters 81, 84, and 87) require specific information regarding notifiable conditions to be provided to local and state health departments (City of El Paso Department of Public Health and Texas Department of State Health Services). Health care providers, clinics, hospitals, laboratories, schools, child day care centers and others are required to report patients who are suspected of having a notifiable condition (Chapter 97, Title 25, Texas Administrative Code). **Failure to report is a Class B misdemeanor that carries a sentence of up to 180 days and a fine of up to \$2000 under the Texas Health and Safety Code, §81.049.**

HIPAA

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) allows reporting without authorization for public health purposes and where required by law. Title 45 Code of Federal Regulations §164.512(a) and (b).

General Instructions

WHAT MUST BE REPORTED: The enclosed table lists notifiable conditions in Texas. In addition to these conditions, any **outbreaks, exotic diseases, and unusual group expressions of disease** must be reported by name, age, date of birth, sex, race/ethnicity, address, telephone number, disease, date of onset, method of diagnosis, and name, address, and telephone number of physician.

WHEN: The Notifiable Conditions List 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 City of El Paso Department of Public Health 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 City of El Paso Department of Public Health **within 1 week**.

HOW: Notifiable conditions are to be reported through our **24/7 Confidential Web-based Disease Reporting System**

(<https://elpaso.phims.org/cmr/login.aspx>) or by calling the following programs:

- ◆ Epidemiology Program (212-6520)
- ◆ Tuberculosis Program (212-6559)
- ◆ STD/HIV Program (212-6619)

Special Instructions

To access the **Confidential Web-based Disease Reporting System** go to <https://elpaso.phims.org/cmr/login.aspx>. Click on the "Register Now" button. Fill in the spaces with the required information. The new users will have to be confirmed by an authorized user.

Laboratories shall submit pure cultures of all *Bacillus anthracis*, *Clostridium botulinum*, *Brucella species*, Diphtheria (all *Corynebacterium diphtheriae*), Shiga toxin-producing *Escherichia coli*, *Francisella tularensis*, all invasive *Haemophilus influenza* in children under five years-of-age, *Listeria monocytogenes*, *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* complex, *Neisseria meningitidis* from normally sterile sites, *Yersinia pestis*, all *Salmonella species*, *Staphylococcus aureus* with a vancomycin MIC greater than 2 µg/mL (VISA and VRSA), invasive *Streptococcus pneumoniae* in children under five-years-of-age, and *Vibrio species* accompanied by a current department Specimen Submission Form to the Texas Department of State Health Services, Laboratory Services Section, 1100 West 49th Street, Austin, TX 78756-3199. Call (512) 776-7598 for specimen submission information.

Reportable Arbovirus infections including, but not limited to, those caused by California serogroup virus, Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) virus and Western equine encephalitis (WEE) virus.

Chancroid, chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis reports must also include the report date, type, and results of tests. Submit electronically or using faxable S-27 (Fax 915-212-0174). Questions on reporting procedures may be directed to (915) 212-6619.

CJD notification also includes Kuru, Gerstmann-Sträussler-Scheinker (GSS) disease, fatal familial insomnia (FFI), sporadic fatal insomnia (sFI), Variably Protease-Sensitive Prionopathy (VPSPr), and any novel prion disease affecting humans.

All HIV positive labs need to be reported to local health department. Any person suspected of having HIV should be reported, including HIV exposed infants. Questions on reporting procedures may be directed to (915) 212-6619.

Tuberculosis may be reported on Form TB-400, "Report of Case and Patient Services". Telephone reports may be directed to (915) 212-6559. Fax radiology and lab reports to (915) 212-0172.

Reportable tuberculosis disease includes the following: suspected tuberculosis disease pending final laboratory results; positive nucleic acid amplification tests; clinically or laboratory-confirmed tuberculosis disease; and all *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (M.tb) complex including *M. tuberculosis*, *M. bovis*, *M. africanum*, *M. canettii*, *M. microti*, *M. caprae*, and *M. pinnipedii*.

Reportable tuberculosis infection includes the following: a positive result from an FDA-approved Interferon-Gamma Release Assay (IGRA) test such as T-Spot® TB or QuantiFERON® - TB GOLD In-Tube Test or a tuberculin skin test, and a normal chest radiograph with no presenting symptoms of TB disease.