

# Communicable Disease Reporting

## Why Report:

The primary objectives of disease surveillance are to:

1. determine the extent of morbidity within the community
2. evaluate risks of transmission
3. intervene rapidly when appropriate

For surveillance to be effective, the reporting of communicable diseases must be timely. Delay or failure to report communicable diseases has contributed to serious consequences in the past. Reports by health care providers form the basis for monitoring communicable diseases. The information provided is crucial for interrupting transmission, recognizing and controlling outbreaks, following trends and informing the medical community about local occurrence of communicable diseases. The detection and treatment of patients with tuberculosis, the identification of asymptomatic carriers of typhoid and gonorrhea, the immunization of persons exposed to vaccine-preventable diseases, and alerting health providers about prevalent viral infections are just a few of the benefits derived by the entire community when reporting is timely and accurate. Failure to report can result in increased diseases in the community, increased costs for diagnosis and treatment, additional time lost from work or school, prolonged hospitalization and possibly death.

## Who Should Report:

State Law (California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Health and Safety Code, Section 2500) requires health care providers to report certain diseases and conditions of public health importance to Public Health Services. Many physicians are not aware of their responsibility to report certain communicable diseases to the health department. Laboratory reporting of a particular disease does not relieve the physician of this responsibility. Patient consent is NOT needed to report cases or suspect cases, or to supply additional information requested by Public Health.

## How To Report:

Reports should be submitted by mail, telephone or FAX depending on the disease category. A standard form, known as the Confidential Morbidity Report (CMR) is available for reporting diseases and conditions. A separate report should be completed for each disease. Confidential Morbidity Reports can be obtained from Public Health Services or you can visit this URL <http://www.sjgov.org/phs/docs/pdf/CMRPM110.pdf> to download the document. Please complete all sections of the CMR. AIDS Case Reporting Forms may be obtained from the AIDS Surveillance Coordinator who is also available to assist in report completion. The confidentiality of patient information is always protected.

## Mail Confidential Morbidity Report to:

San Joaquin County Public Health Services (SJCPHS)  
Morbidity Department  
P.O. Box 2009  
Stockton, CA 95201-2009  
Telephone Appropriate Report to: (209) 468-3822  
Fax Appropriate Report to: (209) 468-8222, Attention: Morbidity

## For HIV or AIDS Case Reporting forms or assistance:

San Joaquin County Public Health Services (SJCPHS)  
AIDS Surveillance Coordinator  
P.O. Box 2009  
Stockton, CA 95201-2009  
Phone: (209)468-3475

Note: Do not FAX HIV or AIDS Case Reports. Phone or mail in sealed & taped envelope marked CONFIDENTIAL

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## REPORTABLE DISEASES AND CONDITIONS

### San Joaquin County Public Health Services

All physicians and health care providers in San Joaquin County should report the following conditions to Public Health so we can issue appropriate public health alerts and coordinate interventions. Reporting is not only vital for public health, but it's required by California state law (California Code of Regulations, Title 17, §2500).

<b>Phone Public Health Immediately!</b>	<b>Report within 1 working day</b>	<b>Report within 1 week, phone, fax or mail</b>
☎ (209) 468-3822 ☎ (209) 468-6000 (after hours)	☎ (209) 468-3822 <b>Fax</b> (209) 468-8222	☎ (209) 468-3822 <b>Fax</b> (209) 468-8222
<b>If you diagnose or suspect:</b> Anthrax Avian Influenza (human) Botulism (infant, foodborne, wound) Brucellosis Cholera Ciguatera Fish Poisoning Dengue Diarrhea of the newborn: Outbreaks Diphtheria Domoic acid Poisoning <i>Escherichia coli</i> : Shiga toxin (STEC) and O157 Hantavirus Infection Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome Meningococcal infections Plague, human or animal Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning Rabies, human or animal Scombroid Fish Poisoning Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) Shiga toxin (detected in feces) Smallpox Tulameria Viral Hemorrhagic Fevers (Ebola, Crimean- Congo, Lassa, or Marburg viruses) Yellow Fever <b>Outbreaks of any Disease (Specify if institutional and/or open community)</b> <b>Occurrence of any Unusual Diseases</b>	<b>If you diagnose or suspect:</b> Amebiasis Babesiosis Campylobacteriosis Chickenpox (hospitalizations and deaths only) Colorado Tick Fever Conjunctivitis, Acute infection of the newborn Cryptosporidiosis Encephalitis, Specify etiology: viral, bacterial, fungal, parasitic Foodborne Disease <i>Haemophilis influenzae</i> , Invasive Disease (< 15 years old) Hepatitis A Listeriosis Malaria Measles (Rubeola) Meningitis, Specify etiology: viral, bacterial, fungal, parasitic Pertussis Poliomyelitis (Paralytic) Psittacosis Q Fever Relapsing Fever Salmonellosis Shigellosis Streptococcal Infections (outbreaks & individual cases in food handlers & dairy workers only) Syphilis Trichinosis Tuberculosis Typhoid Fever, Cases & Carriers <i>Vibrio</i> infections Water-associated Disease (e.g swimmer's itch) West Nile Virus Yersiniosis	<b>If you diagnose or suspect:</b> AIDS Chancroid Chlamydial infections, including LGV Coccidioidomycosis Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) and other Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSE) Cysticercosis Ehrlichiosis Giardiasis Gonococcal infections Hepatitis, Viral Hepatitis B, C (specify acute or chronic) Hepatitis D (delta hepatitis) Hepatitis (other acute) HIV infection Influenza deaths (report an incident in <18 years of age) Kawasaki Syndrome Legionellosis Leprosy Leptospirosis Lyme Disease Mumps Pelvic Inflammatory Disease (PID) Rheumatic fever, Acute Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever Rubella (German Measles) Rubella Syndrome, Congenital Taeniasis Tetanus Toxic Shock Syndrome Toxoplasmosis Typhus fever <b>Reportable Non-communicable Diseases/Conditions</b> Disorders characterized by lapses of consciousness Alzheimer's Disease and related conditions

## WHO TO REPORT TO

**For all diseases *except* HIV/AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Diseases**

☎ (209) 468-3822, or

**Fax (209) 468-8222, or**

**Mail:** (Seal and mark: CONFIDENTIAL)  
San Joaquin County Public Health  
Services

Attention: Morbidity

P.O. Box 2009

Stockton, CA 95201-2009.

**For Sexually Transmitted Diseases**

☎ (209) 468-3862, or

**Fax (209) 948-7473, or**

**Mail:** (Seal and mark: CONFIDENTIAL)  
San Joaquin County Public Health  
Services

Attention: Sexually Transmitted  
Diseases

P.O. Box 2009

Stockton, CA 95201-2009.

**For HIV/AIDS Reports**

☎ (209) 468-3475, or

**Fax (no fax)**

**Mail:** (Seal and mark: CONFIDENTIAL)  
San Joaquin County Public Health  
Services

Attention: Rosa Castillo-Cuellar

P.O. Box 2009

Stockton, CA 95201-2009.