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WAC 246-101-101 Notifiable conditions and the health care provider. This section describes the conditions that Washington's health care providers must notify public health authorities of on a statewide basis. The board finds that the conditions in Table HC-1 of this section are notifiable for the prevention and control of communicable and noninfectious diseases and conditions in Washington.

(1) Principal health care providers shall notify public health authorities of the conditions identified in Table HC-1 of this section as individual case reports following the requirements in WAC 246-101-105, 246-101-110, 246-101-115, and 246-101-120.

(2) Other health care providers in attendance, other than the principal health care provider, shall notify public health authorities of the conditions identified in Table HC-1 of this section unless the condition notification has already been made.

(3) Local health officers may require additional conditions to be notifiable within the local health officer's jurisdiction.

Table HC-1 (Conditions Notifiable by Health Care Providers)

Notifiable Condition	Time Frame for Notification	Notifiable to Local Health Department	Notifiable to State Department of Health
Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS)	Within 3 business days	√	
Animal Bites (when human exposure to rabies is suspected)	Immediately	√	
Anthrax	Immediately	√	
Arboviral Disease (acute disease only including, but not limited to, West Nile virus, eastern and western equine encephalitis, dengue, St. Louis encephalitis, La Crosse encephalitis, Japanese encephalitis, and Powassan)	Within 3 business days	√	
Asthma, occupational	Monthly		√
Birth Defects - Autism Spectrum Disorders	Monthly		√
Birth Defects - Cerebral Palsy	Monthly		√
Birth Defects - Alcohol Related Birth Defects	Monthly		√
Botulism (foodborne, infant, and wound)	Immediately	√	
Brucellosis (<i>Brucella</i> species)	Within 24 hours	√	
<i>Burkholderia mallei</i> (Glanders) and <i>pseudomallei</i> (Meliodosis)	Immediately	√	
Campylobacteriosis	Within 3 business days	√	
Chancroid	Within 3 business days	√	
<i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i> infection	Within 3 business days	√	
Cholera	Immediately	√	
Cryptosporidiosis	Within 3 business days	√	
Cyclosporiasis	Within 3 business days	√	
Diphtheria	Immediately	√	
Disease of suspected bioterrorism origin	Immediately	√	
Domoic acid poisoning	Immediately	√	

Notifiable Condition	Time Frame for Notification	Notifiable to Local Health Department	Notifiable to State Department of Health
<i>E. coli</i> - Refer to "Shiga toxin-producing <i>E. coli</i> "	Immediately	√	
Emerging condition with outbreak potential	Immediately	√	
Giardiasis	Within 3 business days	√	
Gonorrhea	Within 3 business days	√	
Granuloma inguinale	Within 3 business days	√	
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> (invasive disease, children under age 5)	Immediately	√	
Hantavirus pulmonary syndrome	Within 24 hours	√	
Hepatitis A (acute infection)	Within 24 hours	√	
Hepatitis B (acute infection)	Within 24 hours	√	
Hepatitis B surface antigen + pregnant women	Within 3 business days	√	
Hepatitis B (chronic infection) - Initial diagnosis, and previously unreported prevalent cases	Monthly	√	
Hepatitis C (acute infection)	Within 3 business days	√	
Hepatitis C (chronic infection)	Monthly	√	
Hepatitis D (acute and chronic infection)	Within 3 business days	√	
Hepatitis E (acute infection)	Within 24 hours	√	
Herpes simplex, neonatal and genital (initial infection only)	Within 3 business days	√	
Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection	Within 3 business days	√	
Influenza, novel or unsubtypeable strain	Immediately	√	
Influenza-associated death (lab confirmed)	Within 3 business days	√	
Legionellosis	Within 24 hours	√	
Leptospirosis	Within 24 hours	√	
Listeriosis	Within 24 hours	√	
Lyme Disease	Within 3 business days	√	
Lymphogranuloma venereum	Within 3 business days	√	
Malaria	Within 3 business days	√	
Measles (rubeola) - Acute disease only	Immediately	√	
Meningococcal disease (invasive)	Immediately	√	
Monkeypox	Immediately	√	
Mumps (acute disease only)	Within 24 hours	√	
Outbreaks of suspected foodborne origin	Immediately	√	
Outbreaks of suspected waterborne origin	Immediately	√	
Paralytic shellfish poisoning	Immediately	√	
Pertussis	Within 24 hours	√	
Pesticide poisoning (hospitalized, fatal, or cluster)	Immediately		√

Notifiable Condition	Time Frame for Notification	Notifiable to Local Health Department	Notifiable to State Department of Health
Pesticide poisoning (all other)	Within 3 business days		√
Plague	Immediately	√	
Poliomyelitis	Immediately	√	
Prion disease	Within 3 business days	√	
Psittacosis	Within 24 hours	√	
Q Fever	Within 24 hours	√	
Rabies (Confirmed Human or Animal)	Immediately	√	
Rabies, suspected human exposure (suspected human rabies exposures due to a bite from or other exposure to an animal that is suspected of being infected with rabies)	Immediately	√	
Relapsing fever (borreliosis)	Within 24 hours	√	
Rubella (including congenital rubella syndrome) (acute disease only)	Immediately	√	
Salmonellosis	Within 24 hours	√	
SARS	Immediately	√	
Serious adverse reactions to immunizations	Within 3 business days	√	
Shiga toxin-producing <i>E. coli</i> infections (enterohemorrhagic <i>E. coli</i> including, but not limited to, <i>E. coli</i> O157:H7)	Immediately	√	
Shigellosis	Within 24 hours	√	
Smallpox	Immediately	√	
Syphilis	Within 3 business days	√	
Tetanus	Within 3 business days	√	
Trichinosis	Within 3 business days	√	
Tuberculosis	Immediately	√	
Tularemia	Immediately	√	
Vaccinia transmission	Immediately	√	
Vancomycin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (not to include vancomycin-intermediate)	Within 24 hours	√	
Varicella-associated death	Within 3 business days	√	
Vibriosis	Within 24 hours	√	
Viral hemorrhagic fever	Immediately	√	
Yellow fever	Immediately	√	
Yersiniosis	Within 24 hours	√	
Other rare diseases of public health significance	Within 24 hours	√	
Unexplained critical illness or death	Within 24 hours	√	

(√) Indicates which agency should receive case and suspected case reports.

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WAC 246-101-101 Notifiable conditions—Health care providers and health care facilities. (1) For the purposes of this section:

(a) "Local health jurisdiction" means where the patient resides, or, in the event the patient's residence cannot be determined, the local health jurisdiction in which the patient received treatment.

(b) "Unexplained critical illness or death" means a severe illness or death with infectious hallmarks, but no known etiology, in a previously healthy person one to forty-nine years of age excluding those with chronic medical conditions such as malignancy, diabetes, AIDS, or cirrhosis.

(2) The conditions identified in Table HC-1 are notifiable to public health authorities under this table and this chapter.

Table HC-1 (Conditions Notifiable by Health Care Providers and Health Care Facilities)

Notifiable Condition (Agent)	Laboratory Confirmation Required Before Submitting Case Report	Time Frame for Notification from Identification of a Case	Who Must Be Notified	Who Must Report: Health Care Providers (Providers) or Health Care Facilities (Facilities)
Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)		Within 3 business days	DOH (for facilities) and LHJ (for providers)	Both
Amebic meningitis		Immediately	LHJ	Both
Anaplasmosis		Within 3 business days	LHJ	Both
Anthrax (<i>Bacillus anthracis</i> and confirmed <i>Bacillus cereus</i> biovar <i>anthracis</i> only - Do not report all <i>Bacillus cereus</i>)	Yes	Immediately	LHJ	Both
Arboviral disease (acute disease only) including, but not limited to: Chikungunya Dengue Eastern and western equine encephalitis Japanese encephalitis La Crosse encephalitis Powassan virus infection St. Louis encephalitis West Nile virus infection Zika virus infection See also "Yellow fever"		Within 3 business days	LHJ	Both
Asthma, occupational		Within 30 days	Washington state department of labor and industries (L&I)	Both
Babesiosis		Within 3 business days	LHJ	Both
Baylisascariasis		Within 24 hours	LHJ	Both

Notifiable Condition (Agent)	Laboratory Confirmation Required Before Submitting Case Report	Time Frame for Notification from Identification of a Case	Who Must Be Notified	Who Must Report: Health Care Providers (Providers) or Health Care Facilities (Facilities)
Birth defects - Abdominal wall defects (inclusive of gastroschisis and omphalocele)		Within 30 days	DOH	Facilities
Birth defects - Autism spectrum disorders		Within 30 days	DOH	Both
Birth defects - Cerebral palsy		Within 30 days	DOH	Both
Birth defects - Down syndrome		Within 30 days	DOH	Facilities
Birth defects - Alcohol related birth defects		Within 30 days	DOH	Both
Birth defects - Hypospadias		Within 30 days	DOH	Facilities
Birth defects - Limb reductions		Within 30 days	DOH	Facilities
Birth defects - Neural tube defects (inclusive of anencephaly and spina bifida)		Within 30 days	DOH	Facilities
Birth defects - Oral clefts (inclusive of cleft lip with/without cleft palate)		Within 30 days	DOH	Facilities
Blood lead level RST results (See WAC 246-101-200)		Providers and facilities performing blood lead level RST shall report as a laboratory and comply with the requirements of WAC 246-101-201 through 246-101-230.		
Botulism, foodborne, infant, and wound		Immediately	LHJ	Both
Brucellosis		Within 24 hours	LHJ	Both
Campylobacteriosis		Within 3 business days	LHJ	Both
Cancer (See chapter 246-102 WAC)				
<i>Candida auris</i> infection or colonization		Within 24 hours	LHJ	Both
Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae infections limited to: <i>Klebsiella</i> species <i>E. coli</i> <i>Enterobacter</i> species	Yes	Within 3 business days	LHJ	Both
Chagas disease		Within 3 business days	LHJ	Both
Chancroid		Within 3 business days	LHJ	Both
<i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i> infection	Yes	Within 3 business days	LHJ	Both
Cholera (<i>Vibrio cholerae</i> O1 or O139)	Yes	Immediately	LHJ	Both
Coccidioidomycosis		Within 3 business days	LHJ	Both
Coronavirus infection (severe communicable) SARS-associated coronavirus MERS-associated coronavirus Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)	Yes	Immediately	LHJ	Both

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Coronavirus infection (severe communicable) Novel coronavirus (COVID-19) RST results (See WAC 246-101-200)		Providers and facilities performing Novel coronavirus (COVID-19) RST shall report as a laboratory and comply with the requirements of WAC 246-101-201 through 246-101-230.		
<i>Cryptococcus gattii</i> or undifferentiated <i>Cryptococcus</i> species (i.e., <i>Cryptococcus</i> not identified as <i>C. neoformans</i>)	Yes	Within 3 business days	LHJ	Both
Cryptosporidiosis		Within 3 business days	LHJ	Both
Cyclosporiasis		Within 3 business days	LHJ	Both
Cysticercosis		Within 3 business days	LHJ	Both
Diphtheria		Immediately	LHJ	Both
Domoic acid poisoning		Immediately	LHJ	Both
<i>E. coli</i> (See "Shiga toxin-producing <i>E. coli</i> ")				
Echinococcosis		Within 3 business days	LHJ	Both
Ehrlichiosis		Within 3 business days	LHJ	Both
Giardiasis		Within 3 business days	LHJ	Both
Glanders (<i>Burkholderia mallei</i>)	Yes	Immediately	LHJ	Both
Gonorrhea		Within 3 business days	LHJ	Both
Granuloma inguinale		Within 3 business days	LHJ	Both
Gunshot wounds (nonfatal)		Within 30 days	DOH	Facilities
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> (invasive disease, children under 5 years of age)	Yes	Immediately	LHJ	Both
Hantaviral infection		Within 24 hours	LHJ	Both
Hepatitis A (acute infection)	Yes	Within 24 hours	LHJ	Both
Hepatitis B (acute infection)	Yes	Within 24 hours	LHJ	Both
Hepatitis B, report pregnancy in hepatitis B virus infected patients (including carriers)	Yes	Within 3 business days	LHJ	Both
Hepatitis B (chronic infection) - Initial diagnosis, and previously unreported prevalent cases	Yes	Within 3 business days	LHJ	Both
Hepatitis B (perinatal) - Initial diagnosis, and previously unreported cases	Yes	Within 3 business days	LHJ	Both
Hepatitis C (acute infection)	Yes	Within 24 hours	LHJ	Both
Hepatitis C (acute infection) RST results (See WAC 246-101-200)		Providers and facilities performing hepatitis C (acute infection) RST shall report as a laboratory and comply with the requirements of WAC 246-101-201 through 246-101-230.		

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Hepatitis C (chronic infection)	Yes	Within 3 business days	LHJ	Both
Hepatitis C (perinatal) - Initial diagnosis, and previously unreported cases	Yes	Within 24 hours	LHJ	Both
Hepatitis C (chronic infection) RST results (See WAC 246-101-200)		Providers and facilities performing hepatitis C (chronic infection) RST shall report as a laboratory and comply with the requirements of WAC 246-101-201 through 246-101-230.		
Hepatitis D (acute and chronic infection)	Yes	Within 24 hours	LHJ	Both
Hepatitis E (acute infection)	Yes	Within 24 hours	LHJ	Both
Herpes simplex, neonatal and genital (initial infection only)		Within 3 business days	LHJ	Providers
Histoplasmosis		Within 3 business days	LHJ	Both
Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection		Within 3 business days	LHJ	Both
Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection RST results (See WAC 246-101-200)		Providers and facilities performing HIV infection RST shall report as a laboratory and comply with the requirements of WAC 246-101-201 through 246-101-230.		
Human prion disease		Within 3 business days	LHJ	Both
Hypersensitivity pneumonitis, occupational		Within 30 days	L&I	Both
Influenza, novel or unsubtypeable strain		Immediately	LHJ	Both
Influenza-associated death (laboratory confirmed)	Yes	Within 3 business days	LHJ	Both
Legionellosis		Within 24 hours	LHJ	Both
Leptospirosis		Within 24 hours	LHJ	Both
Listeriosis		Within 24 hours	LHJ	Both
Lyme disease		Within 3 business days	LHJ	Both
Lymphogranuloma venereum		Within 3 business days	LHJ	Both
Malaria		Within 3 business days	LHJ	Both
Measles (rubeola) - Acute disease only		Immediately	LHJ	Both
Melioidosis (<i>Burkholderia pseudomallei</i>)	Yes	Immediately	LHJ	Both
Meningococcal disease, invasive		Immediately	LHJ	Both
Monkeypox		Immediately	LHJ	Both
Mumps, acute disease only		Within 24 hours	LHJ	Both
Outbreaks and suspected outbreaks		Immediately	LHJ	Both
Paralytic shellfish poisoning		Immediately	LHJ	Both
Pertussis		Within 24 hours	LHJ	Both

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Pesticide poisoning (hospitalized, fatal, or cluster)		Immediately	DOH	Both
Pesticide poisoning (all other)		Within 3 business days	DOH	Both
Plague		Immediately	LHJ	Both
Poliomyelitis		Immediately	LHJ	Both
Pregnancy in patient with hepatitis B virus		See "Hepatitis B, report pregnancy in hepatitis B virus infected patients (including carriers)"		
Psittacosis		Within 24 hours	LHJ	Both
Q fever		Within 24 hours	LHJ	Both
Rabies (suspect or laboratory confirmed human cases and laboratory confirmed animal cases)	Yes for animal cases	Immediately	LHJ	Both
Rabies, suspected human exposure (suspected human rabies exposures due to a bite from or other exposure to an animal that is suspected of being infected with rabies)		Immediately	LHJ	Both
Relapsing fever (borreliosis)		Within 3 business days	LHJ	Both
<i>Rickettsia</i> infection		Within 3 business days	LHJ	Both
Rubella, acute disease only (including congenital rubella syndrome)		Immediately	LHJ	Both
Salmonellosis		Within 24 hours	LHJ	Both
Serious adverse reactions to immunizations		Within 3 business days	LHJ	Both
Shiga toxin-producing <i>E. coli</i> (STEC) infections/ enterohemorrhagic <i>E. coli</i> infections	Yes	Immediately	LHJ	Both
Shigellosis		Within 24 hours	LHJ	Both
Silicosis		Within 30 days	L&I	Both
Smallpox		Immediately	LHJ	Both
Syphilis		Within 3 business days	LHJ	Both
Taeniasis		Within 3 business days	LHJ	Both
Tetanus		Within 3 business days	LHJ	Both
Tick paralysis		Within 3 business days	LHJ	Both
Trichinosis		Within 3 business days	LHJ	Both
Tuberculosis disease (confirmed or highly suspicious, i.e., initiation of empiric treatment)		Within 24 hours	LHJ	Both
Tularemia		Immediately	LHJ	Both

Notifiable Condition (Agent)	Laboratory Confirmation Required Before Submitting Case Report	Time Frame for Notification from Identification of a Case	Who Must Be Notified	Who Must Report: Health Care Providers (Providers) or Health Care Facilities (Facilities)
Typhus		Within 3 business days	LHJ	Both
Vaccinia transmission		Immediately	LHJ	Both
Vancomycin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (not to include vancomycin-intermediate)	Yes	Within 24 hours	LHJ	Both
Varicella-associated death		Within 3 business days	LHJ	Both
Vibriosis (<i>Vibrio</i> species not including <i>Vibrio cholerae</i> O1 or O139) See Cholera (<i>Vibrio cholerae</i> O1 or O139)	Yes	Within 24 hours	LHJ	Both
Viral hemorrhagic fever		Immediately	LHJ	Both
Yellow fever		Immediately	LHJ	Both
Yersiniosis		Within 24 hours	LHJ	Both
Unexplained critical illness or death		Within 24 hours	LHJ	Both

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