

WAC 246-101-105 Duties—Health care providers and health care facilities. (1) Unless a health care facility has assumed the notification duties of the principal health care provider under subsection (4) of this section, the principal health care provider shall submit case reports:

(a) To the required public health authority under Table HC-1 of WAC 246-101-101 and the requirements of WAC 246-101-110 and 246-101-115, and this section;

(b) To the local health jurisdiction as required by the local health officer within that health officer's jurisdiction under WAC 246-101-505 (4) (d).

(2) A health care facility shall submit case reports:

(a) To the required public health authority under Table HC-1 of WAC 246-101-101 and the requirements of WAC 246-101-110 and 246-101-115, and this section that occur or are treated in their facilities.

(b) To the local health jurisdiction as required by the local health officer within that health officer's jurisdiction under WAC 246-101-505 (4) (d).

(3) This section does not require a health care provider or a health care facility to confirm the absence of cases of conditions listed in Table HC-1 of WAC 246-101-101.

(4) A health care facility may assume the notification requirements established in this chapter for a health care provider practicing within the health care facility.

(5) A health care facility shall not assume the notification requirements established in this chapter for a laboratory that is a component of the health care facility.

(6) Health care providers and health care facilities shall:

(a) Provide the laboratory with the following information for each test ordered for a notifiable condition:

(i) Patient's first and last name;

(ii) Patient's physical address including zip code;

(iii) Patient's date of birth;

(iv) Patient's sex;

(v) Patient's ethnicity, as required in WAC 246-101-011(4);

(vi) Patient's race, as required in WAC 246-101-011(5);

(vii) Patient's preferred language, as required in WAC 246-101-011(6);

(viii) For hepatitis B tests, pregnancy status (pregnant/not pregnant/unknown) of patients twelve to fifty years of age;

(ix) Patient's best contact telephone number;

(x) For blood lead level tests, medicaid status of patients less than seventy-two months of age;

(xi) Requesting health care provider's name;

(xii) Requesting health care provider's phone number;

(xiii) Address where patient received care;

(xiv) Specimen type;

(xv) Specimen collection date; and

(xvi) Condition being tested for.

(b) For specimens associated with a notifiable condition sent to a laboratory outside of Washington state, provide the laboratory with the information under (a) of this subsection, Table Lab-1 of WAC 246-101-201, 246-101-220, and 246-101-225.

If the presumptive or final test results from an out-of-state laboratory are consistent with Table Lab-1 of WAC 246-101-201, the health care provider or health care facility shall either:

(i) Confirm the laboratory submitted the laboratory report consistent with WAC 246-101-220 and 246-101-225; or

(ii) Submit the presumptive and final test results from the out-of-state laboratory with the case report according to the requirements of this chapter.

(c) Cooperate with public health authorities during investigation of:

(i) A case of a notifiable condition; and

(ii) An outbreak or suspected outbreak.

(d) Maintain an infection control program as described in WAC 246-320-176 for hospitals and WAC 246-330-176 for ambulatory surgical facilities;

(e) Provide adequate and understandable instruction in disease control measures to each patient who has been diagnosed with a case of a communicable disease, and to contacts who may have been exposed to the disease; and

(f) Notify the local health jurisdiction of:

(i) Known barriers that might impede or prevent compliance with disease control measures; and

(ii) Name, address, and other pertinent information for any case or carrier refusing to comply with disease control measures.

(7) Health care providers and health care facilities may provide health information, demographic information, or infectious or noninfectious condition information in addition to the information required under this chapter when the provider or facility determines that the additional information will aid the public health authority in protecting and improving the public's health through prevention and control of infectious and noninfectious conditions.

(8) When a health care provider or health care facility submits information under subsection (7) of this section, they shall submit the information under the requirements of WAC 246-101-110.

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