

# Disease Reporting Q & A

What is the purpose of disease reporting?

Prompt reporting allows public health to:

- Interrupt disease transmission
- Locate and provide prophylaxis or treatment to exposed contacts
- Identify and contain outbreaks
- Ensure effective treatment and follow-up of cases
- Alert the medical community

The information obtained through disease reporting is also used to monitor disease trends over time, identify high-risk groups, allocate resources, develop policy and prevention programs, and support grant applications.

Who is required to provide information regarding cases of reportable diseases?

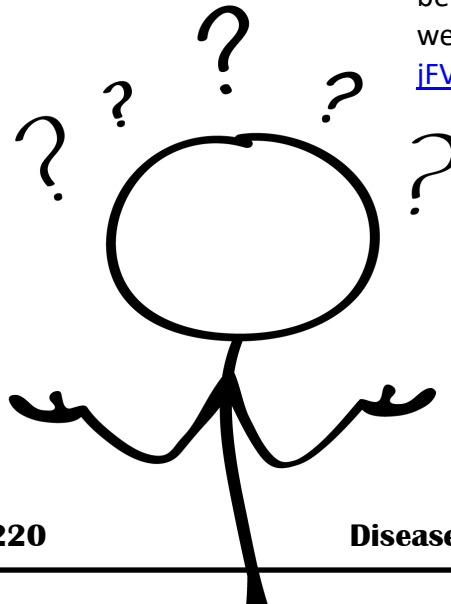
- Physicians
- Hospitals
- Other healthcare providers
- Laboratories
- Schools
- Childcare centers

What diseases are required to be reported?

A list of the reportable diseases has been included in this packet. Additional copies are available upon request. Also, the list can be accessed online on our website at <https://goo.gl/jFV2BG>

When should a report be made?

Most case reports should be made within **three** days of identification. Some diseases require **immediate** telephone reporting. These diseases are found at the top of the reportable diseases list.



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How are diseases to be reported?

Diseases requiring immediate reporting should be telephoned to Davis County Health Department's Disease Reporting Line: **(801)525-5220**. The Disease Reporting Line is available 24/7. After regular business hours and at rare times when staff are temporarily unavailable, a confidential voicemail system is also available for reporting non-urgent diseases. Non-urgent disease reports may either be telephoned to the disease reporting line, or faxed to **(801)525-5210**. Faxed reports and messages left through the Disease Reporting Line will receive a prompt response.

What patient information should be included in a case report?

Copies of the Disease Report Form have been included. The form outlines the information that should be reported:

- Disease
- Name
- Home address
- Telephone number
- Date of birth
- Gender
- Date of symptom onset
- Date of laboratory test
- Clinical treatment information
- Name and telephone number of healthcare provider
- A copy of lab results, if available
- Any other relevant disease-specific information

What about confidentiality, including HIPAA?

Diseases are required to be reported by Utah's Communicable Disease Rule (R386-702). All reports required by this rule are confidential and not open to public inspection. However, nothing in this rule precludes the discussion of case information with the attending physician or public health workers. A release of information is not required to provide public health workers with patient information.

Who can I call if I have other questions?

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