

3701-3-03 Reportable disease notification.

(A) The physician in attendance of a case or suspect case of a disease which is required by law to be reported, including all "class A", "class B", and "class C" categories of disease designated as reportable under rule 3701-3-02 of the Administrative Code, shall submit a case report to the board of health of the health district in which the patient resides.

(B) A person in charge of a hospital, clinic, or other institution providing care or treatment, having knowledge of a reportable disease case or suspect case, shall submit a case report to the board of health unless there is evidence that the case has already been reported.

(C) Any individual having knowledge of a person suffering from a disease suspected of being communicable is authorized to report to the board of health all known facts relating to the case or incident.

3701-3-04 Laboratory result reporting.

(A) The person in charge of any laboratory that examines specimens of human origin for evidence of diseases designated as reportable by rule 3701-3-02 of the Administrative Code shall report all positive results of such examinations to the board of health of the health district in which the person from whom the specimen was taken resides.

(B) A positive result of a laboratory examination for a reportable disease shall be considered reason to suspect that a person is infected by that disease. Upon receipt of a laboratory report of a positive result for a reportable disease, the board of health shall cause inquiry to be made through the attending physician or medical facility to determine if the suspected disease exists.

3701-3-05 Time of report.

(A) Case reports by physicians or designated others as specified in rule 3701-3-03 of the Administrative Code, and reports by persons in charge of laboratories of positive results of examinations for class A diseases, shall be provided to the board of health of the local health district in which the patient resides. Cases of reportable diseases that occur outside the local health district of residence also shall be reported to the board of health of the local health district in which the case occurs. The time and method of reporting shall be as follows:

- 1) Case reports and reports of positive laboratory results for diseases specified as class A in paragraph (A) (1) of rule 3701-3-02 of the Administrative Code shall be provided by telephone immediately upon recognition that such case, suspected case, or positive laboratory result exists.
- 2) Case reports and reports of positive laboratory results for diseases specified as class A in paragraph (A) (2) of rule 3701-3-02 of the Administrative Code shall be provided by the end of the next business day, after the existence of such case, suspected case, or positive laboratory result is known.
- 3) Case reports and reports of positive laboratory results for diseases specified as class A in paragraph (A) (3) of rule 3701-3-02 of the Administrative Code shall be provided by the close of each working week after the existence of such case, suspected case, or positive laboratory result is known.

(B) Reports by physicians and designated others of the number of diseases specified as class B in rule 3701-3-02 of the Administrative Code shall be provided to the board of health by the close of each working week.

(C) Reports by physicians and designated others of situations when an outbreak, unusual incidence or epidemic of any disease specified as class C in rule 3701-3-02 of the Administrative Code is suspected shall be reported to the board of health by the end of the next working day.

(D) Except as otherwise required by paragraph (A) (1) of this rule, reports of cases and suspect cases of reportable diseases, and reports of positive results of laboratory tests for reportable diseases shall be in writing. All reports shall include the name and address of the case, suspect case, or person from whom the specimen for laboratory examination was taken. Except as otherwise required by paragraph (A) (1) of this rule, in lieu of written reporting, a board of health may accept verbal reports of class A, class B, or class C diseases by telephone or other electronic systems approved by the director, within the same time limitations. Reports shall include supplementary information relevant to the case or laboratory report as needed to complete official surveillance forms provided or approved by the director.