

# Local Board of Health Reporting Timeline

Note: If these diseases are initially reported to MDPH,  
local boards of health will be notified in a like timeframe.

## REPORT AND INITIATE INVESTIGATION IMMEDIATELY!

This includes both suspect and confirmed cases.

Telephone: (617) 983-6800      Confidential Fax: (617) 983-6813

Any cluster/outbreak of illness (e.g., foodborne)

Anthrax (*Bacillus anthracis*)

Botulism (*Clostridium botulinum*)

Brucellosis (*Brucella* sp.)

Diphtheria (*Corynebacterium diphtheriae*)

Encephalitis

*Haemophilus influenzae* (invasive infection)

Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome

Hepatitis A (acute [IgM ⊕])

Measles (Rubeolavirus)

Meningitis (Bacterial)

Meningococcal Disease (*Neisseria meningitidis*,  
invasive)

Plague (*Yersinia pestis*)

Poliomyelitis

Rabies (humans only)

Rubella (congenital and non-congenital)

Tetanus (*Clostridium tetani*)

Tularemia (*Francisella tularensis*)

Viral Hemorrhagic Fevers

**Important Note:** Enteric illness in a foodhandler should be reported to the local board of health  
where the cases resides and the board of health where the case works.

## INITIATE INVESTIGATION AND COMPLETE CASE REPORT FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

( This may include both suspect and confirmed cases.)

Amebiasis (*Entamoeba histolytica*)

Babesiosis (*Babesia microti*)

Campylobacter Enteritis (*Campylobacter* sp.)

Chickenpox (Varicella)

Cholera (*Vibrio cholerae* O1 or O139)

Cryptosporidiosis (*Cryptosporidium parvum*)

Cyclospora (*Cyclospora cayetanensis*)

Dengue

*E. coli* O157:H7

Ehrlichiosis (*Ehrlichia canis*, *E. chaffeensis*, *E. equi*,  
*E. phagocytophila*, *E. sp.*)

Foodborne Poisonings (includes poisoning by  
ciguatera, scombrototoxin, mushroom toxin,  
tetrodotoxin, paralytic shellfish and amnesic  
shellfish)

Giardiasis (*Giardia lamblia*)

Group A streptococcus (from blood, CSF or other  
sterile fluid)

Hansen's Disease (Leprosy)

Hantavirus

Hepatitis B

Hepatitis C

Kawasaki Disease

Legionellosis (*Legionella* sp.)

Leptospirosis (*Leptospira* sp.)

Listeriosis (*Listeria monocytogenes*)

Lyme Disease (*Borrelia burgdorferi*)

Malaria (*Plasmodium vivax*, *P. malariae*,  
*P. falciparum*, *P. ovale*)

Meningitis (viral)

Mumps

Pertussis (*Bordetella pertussis*)

Psittacosis (*Chlamydia psittaci*)

Rabies (animal)

Reye Syndrome

Rheumatic Fever

Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (*Rickettsia*  
*rickettsii*)

Salmonellosis—including typhoid (*Salmonella* sp.)

Shigellosis (*Shigella* sp.)

Toxic Shock Syndrome

Toxoplasmosis (*Toxoplasma gondii*)

Trichinosis (*Trichinella spiralis*)

Yellow Fever

Yersiniosis (*Yersinia enterocolitica* or  
*Y. pseudotuberculosis*)

# Communicable Diseases Reportable In Massachusetts By Laboratories

IN ACCORDANCE WITH M.G.L. C. 111D, S. 6., EVIDENCE OF INFECTION\* DUE TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANISMS IS REPORTABLE IN MASSACHUSETTS BY ALL LABORATORIES, INCLUDING HOSPITAL LABORATORIES, TO THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

\*Evidence of infection includes results from culture methods, specific antigen or genomic tests, histology, other microscopy, and clinically-relevant serologic tests. Infection in Massachusetts residents ascertained out-of-state should also be reported.

## REPORT IMMEDIATELY BY PHONE!

This includes suspect and confirmed cases.

Telephone: (617) 983-6800 and ask for the Epidemiologist On-Call

*Bacillus anthracis*

*Brucella* sp.

*Clostridium botulinum*

*Clostridium tetani*

*Corynebacterium diphtheriae*

*Francisella tularensis*

*Haemophilus influenzae* (from blood, CSF or other sterile fluid)

Hepatitis A virus (IgM ⊕ only)

*Neisseria meningitidis* (from blood, CSF or other sterile fluid)

Poliovirus

Rubella virus (IgM ⊕ only)

Rubeolavirus (measles) (IgM ⊕ only)

*Yersinia pestis*

## REPORTABLE WITHIN 24 HOURS

Confidential Fax: (617) 983-6813

(Note: Arrangements for reporting via fax or electronic data transfer can be made.)

*Babesia microti*

*Bordetella pertussis*

*Borrelia burgdorferi*

*Campylobacter* sp.

*Chlamydia psittaci*

*Cryptosporidium parvum*

*Cyclospora cayentanensis*

Dengue virus

*Ehrlichia canis*, *E. chaffeensis*, *E. equi*,

*E. phagocytophila*, *E. sp.*

*Entamoeba histolytica*

*Escherichia coli* O157:H7 (or other *E. coli*, if found in CSF)

*Giardia lamblia*

Group A streptococcus (from blood, CSF or other sterile fluid)

Hepatitis B virus (HBsAg ⊕, IgM Anti-HBc ⊕)

Hepatitis C virus (EIA ⊕, RIBA ⊕ or PCR ⊕)

*Legionella* sp.

*Leptospira* sp.

*Listeria* sp. (from blood, CSF or other sterile fluid)

Mumps virus (IgM ⊕ only)

*Mycobacterium leprae*

*Plasmodium vivax*, *P. malariae*, *P. falciparum*, *P. ovale*

*Rickettsia rickettsii*

*Salmonella* sp.

*Shigella* sp.

*Toxoplasma gondii*, *Toxoplasma* sp.

*Trichinella spiralis*

Varicella (DFA ⊕, viral culture or PCR ⊕)

*Vibrio* sp.

Yellow Fever Virus

*Yersinia* sp.

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# Communicable And Other Infectious Diseases Reportable In Massachusetts By Healthcare Providers

Per 105 CMR 300.000

## REPORT IMMEDIATELY BY PHONE!

This includes both suspect and confirmed cases.

All cases should be reported to your local health department; if unavailable, call the  
Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Telephone: (617) 983-6800

Any cluster/outbreak of illness (e.g., foodborne)  
Anthrax  
Botulism  
Brucellosis  
Diphtheria  
Encephalitis (any case)  
*Haemophilus influenzae* (invasive infection)  
Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome  
Hepatitis A (acute [IgM ⊕])

Measles  
Meningitis (bacterial)  
Meningococcal Disease (*N. meningitidis*,  
invasive)  
Poliomyelitis  
Rabies (humans only)  
Rubella (congenital and non-congenital)  
Tetanus  
Tularemia

In addition, the MDPH requests the voluntary reporting of Plague and Viral Hemorrhagic Fevers

## REPORT PROMPTLY (WITHIN 24 HOURS)

All cases should be reported by mail, phone or confidential fax to your local health department. If unavailable,  
call the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Telephone: (617) 983-6800 Confidential Fax: (617) 983-6813

Amebiasis  
Babesiosis  
Campylobacter Enteritis  
Chickenpox (Varicella)  
Cholera  
Cryptosporidiosis  
*E. coli* O157:H7  
Food Poisonings (includes poisoning by ciguatera,  
scombrototoxin, mushroom toxin, tetrodotoxin,  
paralytic shellfish and amnesic shellfish)  
Giardiasis  
Hansen's Disease (Leprosy)  
Hepatitis B (acute or chronic)  
Hepatitis C (acute or chronic)  
Kawasaki Syndrome  
Legionellosis  
Leptospirosis

Listeriosis  
Lyme Disease  
Malaria  
Meningitis (viral)  
Mumps  
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)  
Psittacosis  
Reye Syndrome  
Rheumatic Fever  
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever  
Salmonellosis (including typhoid)  
Shigellosis  
Toxic Shock Syndrome  
Toxoplasmosis  
Trichinosis  
Yersiniosis

In addition, the MDPH requests the voluntary reporting (within 24 hours) of:

Cyclospora	Group A Streptococcus (invasive)
Dengue	Hantavirus
Ehrlichiosis	Yellow Fever

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The Board of Health is hereby notified that \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Doctor \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital \_\_\_\_\_

Diseases declared by the M.D.P.H. to be dangerous to the public health and reportable under Section 6,7,109,111 and 112 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws

**I. Reportable to local Board of Health: please circle below**

**Amebiasis**  
**Animal Bite**  
**Anthrax**  
**Babesiosis**  
**Brucellosis(Undulant Fever)**  
**Campylobacter Enteritis**  
**Chickenpox (Varicella)**  
**Cholera**  
**Diphtheria**  
**Encephalitis (specify type if known)**  
**Epidemic Staphylococcal infection of Newborn**  
**Food Poisoning**  
    a. Botulism  
    b. Mushrooms and other poisonous vegetable/animal products  
    c. Mineral or organic poisons like arsenic or lead  
    d. Staphylococcal  
    e. Paralytic shellfish poisoning  
    f. Other  
**Giardiasis**  
**Haemophilus Influenzae systemic infection(without meningitis)**  
**Hepatitis,Viral**  
    a. Type A  
    b. Type B  
    c. Type C  
    d. Undetermined  
**Kawasaki Disease**  
**Legionnaires' Disease**  
**Leprosy**

**Leptospirosis**  
**Lyme Disease**  
**Malaria**  
**Measles(Rubeola)**  
**Meningitis**  
    a. Bacterial  
    b. Viral  
    c. Other  
**Meningococcal infection (without meningitis)**  
**Mumps**  
**Pertussis(Whooping Cough)**  
**Plague**  
**Poliomyelitis**  
**Psittacosis**  
**Rabies(Human or Animal)**  
**Reye's Syndrome**  
**Rickettsial Diseases**  
    a. Rickettsialpox  
    b. Typhus  
    c. Rocky M. Spotted Fever  
**Rubella(German Measles)**  
    a. Congenital  
    b. Non-congenital  
**Salmonellosis**  
**Shigellosis(Bacillary Dys.)**  
**Tetanus**  
**Toxic Shock Syndrome**  
**Toxoplasmosis**  
**Trichinosis**  
**Tuberculosis**  
**Tularemia**  
**Yersiniosis**

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
LIST OF REPORTABLE DISEASES\*  
1964

I. REPORTABLE TO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH:

Actinomycosis  
Animal Bite  
Anthrax  
Brucellosis (Undulant Fever)  
Chickenpox (Varicella)  
Cholera  
Diarrhea of the Newborn  
Diphtheria  
Dysentery, Amebic  
Dysentery, Bacillary (Shigellosis)  
Encephalitis (specify if known)  
Food Poisoning  
    a. Botulism  
    b. Mushrooms and other poisonous vegetable and animal products  
    c. Mineral or organic poisons as arsenic, lead, etc.  
    d. Staphylococcal  
German Measles (Rubella)  
Glanders  
Hepatitis, Viral: (includes Infectious and Serum Hepatitis)

Impetigo of the Newborn  
Leprosy  
Leptospirosis (including Weil's Disease)  
Lymphocytic Choriomeningitis  
Malaria  
Measles (Rubeola)  
Meningitis (B. Influenzal, meningococcal, pneumococcal, streptococcal and other forms)  
Mumps  
Ophthalmia Neonatorum  
Plague  
Poliomyelitis  
Psittacosis  
Rabies - Human  
Rickettsialpox  
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever  
Salmonellosis (except Typhi and Paratyphi)  
Salmonellosis: Typhi and Paratyphi (Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers)

Smallpox (Variola)  
Smallpox Vaccination Reactions- Generalized Vaccinia, Eczema Vaccinatum  
Streptococcal Infections (including Erysipelas, Scarlet Fever, Streptococcal Sore Throat, etc.)  
Tetanus  
Trachoma  
Trichinosis  
Tuberculosis  
Tularemia  
Typhus Fever (including Brill's Disease)  
Whooping Cough (Pertussis)  
Yellow Fever  
II. REPORTABLE DIRECTLY TO STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH:  
Chancroid  
Gonorrhea  
Granuloma Inguinale  
Lymphogranuloma Venereum  
Syphilis

\*Diseases declared by the Department of Public Health to be dangerous to the Public Health and Reportable under the authority of the General Laws, Chapter 111, Section 6. Revised August 11, 1964.