

WHO SHOULD REPORT?

- Medical doctors, osteopaths, podiatrists, veterinarians, dentists, chiropractors, oriental medicine practitioners
- Nurse practitioners, nurses, nurse mid-wives, physician assistants
- Infection control professionals
- Clinical and reference laboratories, medical examiners, coroners
- Health facility administrators
- Clinics, schools, and universities.
- Any other healthcare providers and/or school administrators.

WHAT TO REPORT

- Immediately report any outbreak or unusual incidence of infectious disease or infestation to the local health department.
- A single case of a communicable disease long absent from a population or the first occurrence of a disease not previously recognized requires immediate reporting and epidemiologic investigation.
- Any rare disease or a newly apparent or emerging disease or syndrome of uncertain etiology which a healthcare provider has reason to believe could be caused by an infectious agent or microbial toxin.
- Any case or suspected case on the *Reportable Diseases and Conditions* list available at:

lapublichealth.org/acd/cdrs.htm

WHY REPORT?

- To determine the extent of morbidity within the community.
- To evaluate risks of transmission.
- To allow Public Health intervention.
- To facilitate surveillance, prevention, and outbreak control.

HOW TO REPORT DISEASES

The *Reportable Diseases and Conditions* list and *Confidential Morbidity Report* form (both suitable for reproduction) are available from the Morbidity Central Reporting Unit by telephone, **213-240-7821**, by email at acdc2@ph.lacounty.gov, or online:

lapublichealth.org/acd/cdrs.htm

For medical consultation, telephone ACDC professional staff at (213) 240-7941.

HOW AND WHERE TO REPORT OTHER COMMUNICABLE DISEASES:

HIV/AIDS: Human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) cases are to be reported to the **HIV Epidemiology Program**. To request reporting forms or to report cases, call **213-351-8516**, or go online:

lapublichealth.org/hiv

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES (STD): The following diseases and syndromes are to be reported to the **STD Program**:

- Genital chlamydial infections, including LGV
- Syphilis
- Gonorrhea
- Chancroid
- Pelvic inflammatory disease (PID)

To request STD reporting forms by telephone, call the STD Program at **213-744-3070**, or go online:

lapublichealth.org/std

TUBERCULOSIS (TB): Tuberculosis cases and suspected cases are to be reported to the **Tuberculosis Control Program**. To request reporting forms or to report by telephone, call the TB Program at **213-744-6271**, or go online:

lapublichealth.org/tb

Delay or failure to report communicable diseases and conditions has contributed to serious consequences in the past and is a misdemeanor for physicians, punishable by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$2,500, or by imprisonment for a term of not more than 90 days, or by both. Each day the violation is continued is a separate offense.

Acute Communicable Disease Control Program

Surveillance



Education



Outbreak Response



Preparedness



“To prevent and control communicable disease in Los Angeles County utilizing the tools of surveillance, outbreak response, education, and preparedness activities.”



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COLLABORATION: CONTROL OF DISEASES

The **Acute Communicable Disease Control (ACDC) Program** is a part of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. ACDC's mission is to prevent and control communicable disease in Los Angeles County (LAC) utilizing the tools of surveillance, outbreak response, education and preparedness activities. Go online at www.lapublichealth.org/acd/cdrs.htm for ACDC's complete list of reportable diseases and syndromes.

CONTROL: REPORTING & CONSULTING

California Code of Regulations, Title 17, (Sections 2500 and 2505), mandates healthcare providers, public or private school directors, and others to report over 85 specific diseases or conditions to **the local health department**. Lab directors are also mandated to report a shorter list of diseases and test results.

ACDC and other communicable disease control programs (identified on back panel of this brochure) are **your local health department**. Delay or failure to report communicable diseases can contribute to serious consequences. *The confidentiality of patient information is always protected.*

ACDC serves as the lead for the surveillance and investigation of suspected and confirmed communicable disease cases and outbreaks (*other than* TB, STDs, and HIV/AIDS). Control of communicable diseases in LAC can only occur through collaboration between healthcare providers and others in the public and private sectors, ACDC and other local health departments.

ACDC examines the distribution of disease in the population, specifically in relation to geographic, temporal, demographic and behavioral risk factors. ACDC also sets policy and provides guidance and assistance to field staff who handle the bulk of case investigations.

ACDC staff consult with other Public Health staff—area health officers, public health nurses, registrars, public health investigators, and others—based in 24 districts and 8 service planning areas throughout LAC.

ACDC professional staff are physicians, nurses, epidemiologists, health educators, and others who provide expert consultation and policy recommendations on communicable disease control, and offer in-service training for healthcare professionals and selected community-based organizations in LAC.

ACDC: PROGRAM FUNCTIONS

ACDC has several sections, units, programs, and projects:

The **Food Safety Unit's** aim is to decrease morbidity related to food-borne pathogens through surveillance to detect outbreaks and monitor trends. Timely and accurate reporting of food-borne illnesses by healthcare professionals and institutions is essential for effective, timely Public Health intervention.

The **Water and Subacute Healthcare Unit** performs surveillance of waterborne disease for trends and to detect outbreaks. The unit also acts as a liaison to non-hospital healthcare facilities in LAC to assist with infection prevention and control and to provide consultation on outbreak investigations.

The **Vector-borne Diseases Unit** performs surveillance and disease consultation for a variety of vector-borne and zoonotic diseases, including West Nile virus and other causes of encephalitis and meningitis.

The **Blood-borne Pathogens and Antimicrobial Resistance Unit** assists hospitals with outbreak investigations, consults on infection control issues, oversees viral hepatitis surveillance and addresses antibiotic resistance issues.

The **Hospital Outreach Unit** investigates nosocomial outbreaks. It also enhances preparedness and response efforts among hospitals in LAC through strengthened communications, collaboration, and consolidation of resources.

The **Immunization Program's** mission is to improve immunization coverage levels and prevent the occurrence of vaccine-preventable diseases. Current program activities include surveillance, outbreak investigation, smallpox vaccine program, perinatal hepatitis B case management, professional education and training, and community outreach and education.

The **Automated Disease Surveillance Section's** aim is to enhance surveillance and epidemiology capacity, and strengthen laboratory capacity to identify and respond to possible terrorist incidents. It maintains internet-based disease reporting systems for providers and laboratories.

The **Epidemiology and Data Support Section** provides epidemiologic consultation and support for all units within ACDC. Special projects, data maintenance, epidemiologic analysis, data presentation, and GIS are provided.

The **Planning, Evaluation and Response Section** is responsible for activities related to cross-cutting ACDC and bioterrorism performance measures, communicable disease annual reports, strategic planning, health education, and consequential epidemiology (application of public health research to improve health outcomes). This section also plans, evaluates, trains, and educates internal and external partners to respond to potential or actual biologic incidents that may be the result of bioterrorism.

REPORTING TO AND CONSULTING WITH ACDC

To report a case or outbreak of any disease or condition contact the **Communicable Disease Reporting System Hotline: phone (888) 397-3993, or fax (888) 397-3778**. For diseases that require medical consultation, call **ACDC (213) 240-7941. After hours, phone (213) 974-1234**.

For additional **ACDC reports, services, and publications**, such as current disease rates in your community, education materials on communicable diseases, visit our website at:

lapublichealth.org/acd

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