

# Protocol for Public Health Agencies to Notify CDC about the Occurrence of Nationally Notifiable Conditions, 2026

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## *Categorized by Notification Timeliness*

**IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIABLE, EXTREMELY URGENT:** Call the CDC Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at 770.488.7100 within 4 hours of a case meeting the notification criteria, followed by submission of an electronic case notification to CDC by the next business day.

**ROUTINELY NOTIFIABLE:** Submit electronic case notification within the next reporting cycle.

**IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIABLE, URGENT:** Call the CDC EOC at 770.488.7100 within 24 hours of a case meeting the notification criteria, followed by submission of an electronic case notification in next regularly scheduled electronic transmission.

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The notification timeliness is determined based on the most recently approved Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) Position Statements.

Condition	Notification Timeliness	Cases Requiring Notification
Immediately notifiable, extremely urgent (within 4 hours)		
<b>Anthrax<sup>1</sup></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Source of infection not recognized</li> <li>- Recognized bioterrorism exposure/potential mass exposure</li> <li>- Serious illness of naturally-occurring anthrax</li> </ul>	Immediately notifiable, extremely urgent	Confirmed and probable cases
<b>Botulism</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Foodborne (except endemic to Alaska)</li> <li>- Intentional or suspected intentional release</li> <li>- Infant botulism (clusters or outbreaks)</li> <li>- Cases of unknown etiology/not meeting standard notification criteria</li> </ul>	Immediately notifiable, extremely urgent	All cases prior to classification
<b>Plague</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Suspected intentional release</li> </ul>	Immediately notifiable, extremely urgent	All cases prior to classification
<b>SARS-associated coronavirus</b>	Immediately notifiable, extremely urgent	All cases prior to classification
<b>Smallpox</b>	Immediately notifiable, extremely urgent	Confirmed and probable cases
<b>Tularemia</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Suspected intentional release</li> </ul>	Immediately notifiable, extremely urgent	Confirmed, probable, and suspected cases
<b>Viral hemorrhagic fevers<sup>2</sup></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Suspected intentional release for suspected and confirmed cases</li> </ul>	Immediately notifiable, extremely urgent	Confirmed and suspected cases
Immediately notifiable, urgent (within 24 hours)		
<b>Anthrax<sup>1</sup></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Naturally-occurring or occupational, responding to treatment</li> </ul>	Immediately notifiable, urgent	Confirmed and probable cases
<b>Brucellosis</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Multiple cases, temporally/spatially clustered</li> </ul>	Immediately notifiable, urgent	Confirmed and probable cases
<b>Cronobacter invasive infection, infants</b>	Immediately notifiable, urgent	Confirmed and probable cases
<b>Diphtheria</b>	Immediately notifiable, urgent	Confirmed cases
<b>Novel influenza A virus infection</b>	Immediately notifiable, urgent	Confirmed and probable cases

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<b>Measles</b>	Immediately notifiable, urgent	Confirmed cases
<b>Melioidosis</b>	Immediately notifiable, urgent	Confirmed and probable cases
<b>Mpox</b>	Immediately notifiable, urgent	Confirmed and probable cases
<b>Paralytic poliomyelitis</b>	Immediately notifiable, urgent	Confirmed cases
<b>Poliovirus infection, nonparalytic</b>	Immediately notifiable, urgent	Confirmed cases
<b>Rabies, animal</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In compliance with international reporting regulations, animal rabies cases meeting the criteria specified below are designated as immediately notifiable urgent conditions requiring notification to CDC of confirmed cases within 24 hours of identification: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detection of a case of rabies or non-rabies lyssavirus occurring in an animal imported from outside the continental U.S. within the previous 365 days, unless variant testing identifies a variant known to circulate in the U.S.</li> <li>• Detection of a rabies virus variant or non-rabies virus lyssavirus in a new geographic area as determined by the jurisdiction.</li> <li>• Identification of sustained transmission of any rabies virus variant or non-rabies lyssavirus among animals of a previously unrecognized reservoir species for that virus or virus variant.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Immediately notifiable, urgent	Confirmed cases
<b>Rabies, human</b>	Immediately notifiable, urgent	Confirmed cases
<b>Rubella</b>	Immediately notifiable, urgent	Confirmed cases
<b>Viral hemorrhagic fevers<sup>2</sup></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All suspected and confirmed cases other than suspected intentional</li> </ul>	Immediately notifiable, urgent	Confirmed and suspected cases
<b>Routinely notifiable</b>		
<b>Anaplasmosis</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed and probable cases
<b>Arboviral diseases<sup>3</sup></b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed and probable cases
<b>Babesiosis</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed and probable cases
<b>Botulism</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Infant, sporadic cases</li> <li>- Wound, sporadic cases</li> </ul>	Routinely notifiable	All cases prior to classification

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<b>Brucellosis</b> - Cases not temporally/spatially clustered	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed and probable cases
<b>Campylobacteriosis</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed and probable cases
<b>Cancer<sup>4</sup></b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed cases
<b><i>Candida auris</i>, clinical</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed cases
<b><i>Candida auris</i>, screening</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed cases
<b>Carbapenemase-Producing Organisms (CPO), clinical</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed cases
<b>Carbapenemase-Producing Organisms (CPO), screening</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed cases
<b>Chancroid</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed and probable cases
<b><i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i> infection</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed cases
<b>Coccidioidomycosis<sup>5</sup></b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed and probable cases
<b>COVID-19-associated pediatric mortality</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed cases
<b>Cryptosporidiosis</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed and probable cases
<b>Cyclosporiasis</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed and probable cases
<b>Dengue virus infections<sup>6</sup></b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed, probable, and suspected cases
<b>Ehrlichiosis</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed and probable cases
<b><i>Escherichia coli</i>, Shiga toxin-producing (STEC)</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed and probable cases
<b>Foodborne disease outbreaks<sup>7</sup></b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed outbreaks
<b>Giardiasis</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed and probable cases
<b>Gonorrhea</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed and probable cases
<b><i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>, invasive disease</b>	Routinely notifiable	All cases prior to classification
<b>Leprosy (Hansen's disease)</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed and probable cases
<b>Hantavirus pulmonary syndrome</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed cases
<b>Hemolytic uremic syndrome, post-diarrheal</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed and probable cases
<b>Hepatitis A, acute</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed cases
<b>Hepatitis B, acute</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed and probable cases
<b>Hepatitis B, chronic</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed and probable cases
<b>Hepatitis B, perinatal infection</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed and probable cases
<b>Hepatitis C, acute</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed and probable cases
<b>Hepatitis C, chronic</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed and probable cases

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<b>Hepatitis C, perinatal infection</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed cases
<b>HIV infection</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed cases of HIV infection; perinatally exposed infants prior to classification
<b>Influenza-associated mortality, pediatric</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed cases
<b>Invasive pneumococcal disease (IPD)</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed and probable cases
<b>Lead in blood</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed cases
<b>Legionellosis</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed cases
<b>Leptospirosis</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed and probable cases
<b>Listeriosis</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed and probable cases
<b>Lyme disease<sup>8</sup></b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed and probable cases
<b>Malaria</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed and suspected cases
<b>Meningococcal disease (<i>Neisseria meningitidis</i>)</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed and probable cases
<b>Mumps</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed and probable cases
<b>Oropouche</b>		
<b>Oropouche, congenital</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed and probable cases
<b>Oropouche, non-congenital</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed and probable cases
<b>Pertussis</b>	Routinely notifiable	All cases prior to classification
<b>Pesticide-related illness, acute (non-occupational and occupational)</b>	Routinely notifiable	Definite, probable, possible, and suspicious cases
<b>Plague</b> - All cases not suspected to be intentional	Routinely notifiable	All cases prior to classification
<b>Psittacosis</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed and probable cases
<b>Q Fever (acute and chronic)</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed and probable cases

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<b>Rabies, animal</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Other cases are designated as a routinely notifiable, requiring notification to CDC of confirmed cases meeting the case definition by the next electronic reporting cycle in the following circumstances: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Routine (standard) notification of positive and negative animal rabies test results to CDC for all situations that do not meet the criteria for immediate notification. Routine notification should occur no less frequently than monthly.</li> <li>• Negative results from certain laboratory tests (direct fluorescent antibody, direct rapid immunohistochemical (dRIT), immunohistochemistry (IHC) on formalin-fixed tissues and pan-lyssavirus real-time RT-PCR) should also be included in the notification.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed cases
<b>Rickettsiosis, Spotted Fever</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed and probable cases
<b>Rubella, congenital syndrome</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed cases
<b><i>Salmonella enterica</i> serotypes Paratyphi A, B (tartrate negative) and C (<i>S. Paratyphi</i> infection)</b>	Routinely notifiable	
<b><i>Salmonella enterica</i> Typhi (<i>S. Typhi</i>) infection</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed and probable cases
<b>Salmonellosis (excluding <i>S. Typhi</i> infection and <i>S. Paratyphi</i> infection)</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed and probable cases
<b>Shigellosis</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed and probable cases
<b>Silicosis</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed cases
<b><i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> infection</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Vancomycin-intermediate (VISA)</li> <li>- Vancomycin-resistant (VRSA)</li> </ul>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed cases
<b>Streptococcal toxic-shock syndrome (STSS)</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed and probable cases
<b>Syphilis</b>		
<b>Syphilis, primary</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed and probable cases
<b>Syphilis, secondary</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed and probable cases
<b>Syphilis, early non-primary non-secondary</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed and probable cases
<b>Syphilis, unknown duration or late</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed and probable cases
<b>Syphilis, congenital</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed and probable cases
<b>Tetanus</b>	Routinely notifiable	All cases prior to classification

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<b>Toxic-shock syndrome (non-Streptococcus)</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed and probable cases
<b>Trichinellosis (Trichinosis)</b>	Routinely notifiable	All cases prior to classification
<b>Tuberculosis</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed cases
<b>Tularemia</b> - All cases other than suspected intentional release	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed and probable cases
<b>Varicella</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed and probable cases
<b><i>Vibrio cholerae</i> infection (cholera)</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed cases
<b>Vibriosis</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed and probable cases
<b>Waterborne disease outbreaks</b>	Routinely notifiable	All outbreaks
<b>Yellow Fever</b>	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed and probable cases
<b>Zika virus disease</b> - Zika virus disease, congenital - Zika virus disease, non-congenital	Routinely notifiable	Confirmed and probable cases

<sup>1</sup> Anthrax subclassifications: cutaneous anthrax, ingestion anthrax, inhalation anthrax, injection anthrax, and welder's anthrax

<sup>2</sup> Viral hemorrhagic fever diseases: Chapare virus, Crimean-Congo, Ebola, Guanarito, Junín (Argentine), Lassa virus, Lujo virus, Machupo (Bolivian), Marburg virus, Rift Valley fever virus, or Sabia- associated (Brazilian)

<sup>3</sup> Arboviral diseases: California encephalitis virus disease; California serogroup virus disease, neuroinvasive and non-neuroinvasive (Calif. Serogroup); Chikungunya virus disease; Eastern equine encephalitis virus disease, neuroinvasive and non-neuroinvasive; Jamestown Canyon virus disease, neuroinvasive and non- neuroinvasive; Keystone virus disease; La Crosse virus disease, neuroinvasive and non-neuroinvasive; Powassan virus disease (Powassan), neuroinvasive and non- neuroinvasive; Snowshoe hare virus disease; St. Louis encephalitis virus disease, neuroinvasive and non- neuroinvasive; Trivittatus virus disease; Western equine encephalitis virus disease, neuroinvasive and non-neuroinvasive; West Nile virus disease, neuroinvasive and non-neuroinvasive

<sup>4</sup> Notification for all confirmed cases of cancer should be made at least annually

<sup>5</sup> For surveillance reporting purposes, jurisdictions are grouped into high- and low-incidence categories. Only Arizona and California are classified as high- incidence jurisdictions currently. Probable cases are only reported from low-incidence jurisdictions; however, confirmed cases are reported from both high- and low-incidence jurisdictions.

<sup>6</sup> Dengue virus infections include: dengue and severe dengue

<sup>7</sup> Outbreaks are defined by state and local health departments, all situations deemed by a local or state health department to be an outbreak are notifiable

<sup>8</sup> For surveillance reporting purposes, jurisdictions are grouped into high- and low-incidence categories. Confirmed cases are only reported from low- incidence jurisdictions; however, probable and suspected cases are reported from both high- and low-incidence jurisdictions.