

**DISTRICT OF  
COLUMBIA  
MUNICIPAL  
REGULATIONS  
for  
COMMUNICABLE  
AND REPORTABLE  
DISEASES**

CHAPTER 2. COMMUNICABLE AND REPORTABLE DISEASES

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200 General Provisions  
201 Communicable Diseases

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**201 COMMUNICABLE DISEASES**

201.1 The following diseases shall be considered communicable diseases and shall be reported by telephone to the Director within two (2) hours of provisional diagnosis, or the appearance of suspicious symptoms:

- (a) Animal bites;
- (b) Anthrax;
- (c) Botulism;
- (d) Cholera;
- (e) Diarrhea of the newborn, infectious;
- (f) Diphtheria;
- (g) Food-borne disease;
- (h) Meningococcal infections;
- (i) Plague;
- (j) Rabies of man and animal;
- (k) Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS);
- (l) Smallpox;
- (m) Staphylococcal infections acquired in hospitals and in newborns;
- (n) Treptococcal infections of the newborn;
- (o) Typhus fever;
- (p) Yellow fever; and
- (q) An unusual occurrence of any disease.

201.2 The telephone report required by § 201.1 shall be confirmed in writing within twenty-four (24) hours in the manner indicated in § 200 of

chapter 2 of this title.

201.3 The following diseases shall be considered communicable diseases and shall be reported by telephone to the Director within twenty-four (24) hours of provisional diagnosis, or the appearance of suspicious symptoms:

- (a) Aseptic meningitis syndrome;
- (b) Cryptococcosis;
- (c) Dengue;
- (d) Leprosy;
- (e) Poliomyelitis;
- (f) Psittacosis;
- (g) Relapsing fever, louse-borne; and
- (h) Salmonella infections, including typhoid fever and paratyphoids.

201.4 The telephone report required by § 201.3 shall be confirmed in writing within forty-eight (48) hours of diagnosis in the manner indicated in § 200 of chapter 2 of this title.

201.5 The following diseases shall be considered communicable diseases and shall be reported in writing within forty-eight (48) hours of diagnosis or the appearance of suspicious symptoms in the manner indicated in § 200 of chapter 2 of this title.

- (a) Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infection;
- (b) Amebiasis;
- (c) Brucellosis;
- (d) Dysentery, bacillary;
- (e) Encephalitis;
- (f) German measles;
- (g) Glanders;
- (h) Hepatitis, infectious and serum;
- (i) Leptospirosis;
- (j) Malaria;
- (k) Rheumatic fever;

- (l) Ringworm of the scalp;
- (m) Rocky Mountain spotted fever;
- (n) Streptococcal infections, hemolytic;
- (o) Tetanus;
- (p) Trachoma;
- (q) Trichinosis;
- (r) Tuberculosis;
- (s) Tularemia;
- (t) Venereal diseases, including chancroid, gonorrhea, granuloma inguinale, lymphogranuloma venereum, and syphilis; and
- (u) Whooping cough.

201.6 The following diseases and any other communicable diseases occurring as an outbreak of illness or toxic conditions, regardless of etiology, in an institution or other identifiable group of people shall be considered communicable diseases, but only when they occur in unusual numbers:

- (a) Chickenpox;
- (b) Enterobiasis (pinworm);
- (c) Glandular fever, infectious;
- (d) Histoplasmosis;
- (e) Impetigo contagioso;
- (f) Influenza;
- (g) Kerato-conjunctivitis;
- (h) Mumps;
- (i) Pediculosis;
- (j) Pneumonia; and
- (k) Scabies.

201.7 The number of cases defined as a communicable disease in § 201.6 shall be reported by telephone to the Director within twenty-four (24)

hours of diagnosis or the appearance of suspicious symptoms.

201.8 The telephone report required in § 201.7 shall be confirmed in writing, if required by the Director, in the manner required by the Director.