

# Notification Process for Reportable Communicable Disease

## PURPOSE

To ensure all reportable communicable diseases are reported to the appropriate authorities promptly to ensure appropriate management of case(s) and contact tracing if required.

## OVERVIEW

The Reporting Information Affecting Public Health Regulation states, a health professional, hospital administrator or laboratory director must report to the Medical Health Officer (MHO) the information required under section 10 (2) of the Act if the person knows or has reason to believe that another person has a reportable communicable disease.

The Infection Preventionist (IP) will facilitate processes to ensure Reportable Communicable Diseases are reported to Public Health both from the clinical setting and the laboratory setting. For full list review [Reportable Communicable Diseases](#).

## NOTIFICATION PROCESS

- Health Professionals, Hospital Administrators, and Lab Directors are required to **immediately provide verbal notification** (of patient clinical presentation or lab result) to the MHO/Communicable Disease Unit (CDU) of any communicable diseases listed in [IH Immediately Notifiable Communicable Diseases](#).
  - CDU (1- 866-778-7736) Monday to Friday 0830-1630 **or** MHO on call (1-866-457-5648) after hours, weekends, and STAT holidays.
- The list of all reportable communicable diseases can be found here: [Reportable Communicable Diseases](#)
- In addition to CDU/ MHO notification, patients in healthcare settings with a known or suspect reportable communicable disease must be reported to Infection Preventionist (IP) and/or Medical Microbiologist as soon as possible.

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