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Dear Colleagues:

Updates to Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rules 3701-3-01, 3701-3-02, 3701-3-03, 3701-3-04, 3701-3-07, 3701-3-08, and 3701-3-13 will become effective on Oct. 1, 2025. A summary of key updates for communicable disease reporting are summarized below and in the attached “Know Your ABCs: A Quick Guide to Reportable Infectious Diseases in Ohio.”

#### **OAC 3701-3-02**

- The following conditions are newly specified as Class A reportable conditions and should be reported immediately via telephone:
  - Infant and wound botulism, in addition to foodborne botulism.
  - Free-living amoeba infection.
  - Tularemia, inhalation.
- The following conditions were added as Class B conditions and should be reported by the end of the next business day:
  - Carbapenemase-producing organisms (replacing carbapenemase-producing carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae, CP-CRE).
  - Cholera.
  - *Cronobacter*, invasive infection in infants less than 12 months of age.
  - Melioidosis.
  - Mpox.
  - Latent tuberculosis (TB) infection in a child 2 years of age or younger.
  - Tularemia, non-inhalation.
- The following conditions were removed as reportable conditions:
  - Amebiasis.
  - Aseptic meningitis.

#### **OAC 3701-3-04**

- This rule requires submission of isolates and patient specimens that were previously solicited under ODH’s “Request for Bacterial Isolates or Patient Specimens.”
  - Note: sending isolates does not constitute a report of the positive findings.

#### **OAC 3701-3-07**

- This rule requires syndromic surveillance reporting from emergency departments (EDs).
  - EDs that submit data to ODH electronically will be considered “in compliance” with the syndromic surveillance portion of the rule. ODH has contracted with Health Monitoring Systems, Inc. (HMS) to collect syndromic surveillance data in Ohio.
  - Local health departments will continue to access syndromic surveillance data through the EpiCenter system which is managed by HMS.
- The following health conditions were moved from 3701-3-02 to 3701-3-07 and are still reportable by the end of the next business day as Class B conditions:

- Hemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS).
- Influenza-associated hospitalization.
- Influenza-associated pediatric mortality.
- Toxic shock syndrome.
- The following health conditions were added and should be reported by the end of the next business day as Class B conditions:
  - Acute flaccid myelitis (AFM).
  - Hospitalizations of:
    - Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).
    - Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV).

### **Reporting**

- Reports should be made to the local health department in which a patient resides. If patient residence is unknown, report to the local health department in which the reporting healthcare provider or laboratory is located.
- The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) is working closely with CliniSync, the state's Health Information Exchange (HIE), to facilitate reporting of influenza, COVID-19, and RSV hospitalizations. CliniSync will be submitting reports to ODH unless a hospital opts out of relying on CliniSync. If a hospital opts it, it is required to manually report to the local health department. If a hospital opts out, ODH will notify the impacted local health department.
  - Local health departments should contact the ODH Bureau of Infectious Diseases for access to supplemental surveillance databases for COVID-19 and RSV reporting.

### **For More Information**

- Healthcare facilities should contact their [local health department](#) with any general questions or to report a communicable disease.
- For questions on reporting through [Electronic Laboratory Reporting](#), contact the ODH Office of Informatics, Data, Epidemiology, and Analytics (IDEA) at [ELR@odh.ohio.gov](mailto:ELR@odh.ohio.gov).
- Syndromic surveillance questions can be directed to the ODH IDEA at [SMED@odh.ohio.gov](mailto:SMED@odh.ohio.gov).
- Please visit ODH's [Shipping Resources](#) and [ELIMS](#) webpages for information on submitting isolates and patient specimens to the ODH Laboratory.
- Local health departments should report cases and suspect cases to ODH and contact the Bureau of Infectious Diseases with any questions: 614-995-5599 or [ORBIT@odh.ohio.gov](mailto:ORBIT@odh.ohio.gov).

Thank you for your ongoing collaboration to protect Ohioans from communicable diseases.

Sincerely,



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