

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE REPORTING - URGENT

STEP 1:

To prevent the transmission of communicable diseases, it is urgent for healthcare facilities to report a "**CONFIRMED**" or "**SUSPECT**" case of any immediately reportable disease to the County of Santa Cruz Public Health Communicable Disease Unit:

Monday - Friday (8am - 5pm)

Phone: (831) 454 - 4114 Fax: (831) 454 - 5049

After Hours/Weekends/Holidays via NETCOM

Phone: (831) 471 - 1170

Request that dispatch contact the Health Officer and request a call back.

STEP 2:

When called back, be prepared to provide **patient information**. HIPAA contains a clear exemption [45 CFR 164.512(b)(1)(i)] for the legally authorized reporting of disease to public health authorities and for public health surveillance, investigations, and interventions.

STEP 3:

For further details on reporting requirements and to obtain forms, please visit www.santacruzhealth.org and choose "**How to Report a Disease**" from the drop-down list.

IMMEDIATELY REPORTABLE DISEASES

This list is a subset of all reportable conditions. For a complete list and time lines for reporting, visit www.santacruzhealth.org

Anthrax*	Meningococcal Infections
ANY UNUSUAL DISEASE	Novel Virus (with pandemic potential)
Botulism*	OUTBREAKS of ANY DISEASE
Brucellosis*	Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning
Cholera	Plague*
Ciguatera Fish Poisoning	Rabies (human or animal)
Dengue	Scombroid Fish Poisoning
Diphtheria	SARS
Domoic Acid Poisoning	Shiga toxin (in feces)
<i>Escherichia coli</i> : shiga-toxin producing (STEC)*	Smallpox (Variola)*
Flavivirus Infection	Tularemia*
Hantavirus Infection	Viral Hemorrhagic Fevers*
Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome	Yellow Fever
Influenza (Novel Strains)	Zika Virus
Measles (Rubeola)	

*Bioterrorism Agents: Defined by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) as organisms that pose a risk to national security because they can be easily disseminated or transmitted from person to person; result in high mortality rates and have the potential for major public health impact; might cause public panic and social disruption; and require special action for public health preparedness.

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