

Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) Office of Epidemiology and Disease Control Programs

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Diseases and Conditions Reportable by Laboratory Directors¹

Amoebiasis	Meningococcal invasive disease ³
Anthrax	Meningitis, infectious
Arbovirus infections (all types)	Microsporidiosis
Bacteremia in newborns	Mumps
Botulism	Pertussis
Brucellosis	Pesticide related illness
Campylobacter infection	Plague
CD 4+ count, if less than 200/MM ³ ²	Poliomyelitis
Chlamydia infection	Psittacosis
Cholera	Q fever
Coccidioidomycosis	Rabies
Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease	Ricin toxin
Cryptosporidiosis	Rocky Mountain spotted fever
Cyclosporiasis	Rubella and congenital rubella syndrome
Dengue fever	Salmonellosis (nontyphoid fever types)
Diphtheria	Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)
Ehrlichiosis	Shiga-like toxin production
Encephalitis, infectious	Shigellosis
E. coli O157:H7 infection	Smallpox and other Orthopox viruses
Giardiasis	Staphylococcal enterotoxin
Gonorrhea	Streptococcal invasive disease, group A ³
Haemophilus influenza, invasive disease ³	Streptococcal invasive disease, group B ³
Hansen disease (leprosy)	Streptococcus pneumoniae, invasive disease ³
Hantavirus infection	Syphilis
Hepatitis, viral, types A, B, C & other types	Trichinosis
Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection ²	Tuberculosis
Isosporiasis	Tularemia
Legionellosis	Typhoid fever
Leptospirosis	Varicella (chickenpox), fatal cases only
Listeriosis	Vibriosis, noncholera ⁴
Lyme disease	Viral hemorrhagic fevers (all types)
Malaria	Yellow fever
Measles	Yersiniosis

The Annotated Code of Maryland, Health-General Article §18-205, requires the director of a medical laboratory to submit a report to the health officer for the county where the laboratory is located within 48 hours after an examination of a specimen shows any evidence of any of the above diseases or conditions. The report should include, at a minimum: the date, type, and result of the test; the name, age, sex and residence address of the patient from whom the specimen was taken; the name and address of the physician who requested the test. For reports of HIV infection and CD 4+ counts, do NOT include the patient's name (see note 2); DO include the age, sex, and zip code of residence address of the patient along with the name and address of the physician.

1 Please refer to the text of the law itself for complete reporting information.

2 Reportable by unique patient identifying number (do NOT report the patient's name); see COMAR §10.18.02.05 for details.

3 Invasive disease means a disease in which an organism is detected in a specimen taken from a normally sterile body site.

4 Need not be reported if found in a specimen obtained from a patient's teeth, gingival tissues, or oral mucosa.

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Legal Authority: Annotated Code of Maryland, Health-General, § 18-205, Laboratory examination reports. Please refer to the text of the law itself for complete reporting information.

How to Report: The report must be either in the form that DHMH prescribes or on the form (DHMH 1281) that DHMH provides. DHMH will generally accept reports formatted as a physician report, provided that all required information is included. Any custom report format must, at a minimum, provide data fields for all required information. Several reports for *one* patient may be printed on a single page, but reports on more than one patient should *never* appear on a single page.

What to Report: The report should, at a minimum, contain the information shown in the following table. Additional information that would aid in the public health follow up of a report is gladly accepted. Examples of such information are: lab accession number, specimen collection date, test interpretive information, normal ranges, hospital patient number, and telephone numbers for the patient, requesting physician, and the laboratory.

INFORMATION TO INCLUDE IN LABORATORY REPORTS		
INFORMATION	Human immunodeficiency virus infection and CD 4+ counts	All other diseases
Date, test type and result	✓	✓
Patient name	Maryland law FORBIDS reporting the patient's name.	✓
Unique patient identifying number (COMAR §10.18.02.05 specifies the components of the unique identifying number)	✓	
Age	✓	✓
Sex	✓	✓
Residence address		✓
Zip code	✓	✓
Name & address of physician	✓	✓
Name, address, phone of lab on each individual's lab report	✓	✓

When to Report: Reports for all conditions must be submitted within 48 hours after completion of the test. All local health departments are capable of receiving faxed reports for more urgent conditions.

Where to Report: (1) For medical laboratories located **in Maryland** reports should be submitted to the local health department in the jurisdiction where the lab is located (see page 3 for addresses). Each jurisdiction in Maryland has its own health department. (2) For medical laboratories located **outside of Maryland** reports should be submitted to the state health department (see page 3 for address).

Questions: You can contact your local health department or the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) Division of Communicable Disease Surveillance at 410-767-6712.

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MARYLAND LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS: Addresses & Telephone Numbers for Communicable Disease Reporting

* Telephone (T) or Pager (P) Number for After Hours and Weekend Reporting

JURISDICTION	ADDRESS	JURISDICTION	ADDRESS
ALLEGANY Ph. 301-759-5112 Fax 301-777-5669 *T 301-759-5000	PO Box 12501 Willowbrook Road SE Cumberland MD 21501-1745	HARFORD Ph. 410-638-8464 Fax 410-638-8488 *P 410-405-6448	PO Box 797 119 Hays Street Bel Air MD 21014-0797
ANNE ARUNDEL Ph. 410-222-7256 Fax 410-222-7490 *T 443-481-3140	Communicable Disease & Epi. 1 Harry S. Truman Parkway Room 231 Annapolis MD 21401	HOWARD Ph. 410-313-6110 Fax 410-313-6108 *T 410-313-2929	7180 Columbia Gateway Drive Columbia MD 21046
BALTIMORE CITY Ph. 410-396-4436 Fax 410-625-0688 *T 410-396-3100	210 Guilford Avenue 3rd Floor Baltimore MD 21202	KENT Ph. 410-778-1350 Fax 410-778-7913 *T 410-778-1241	125 S. Lynchburg Street Chestertown MD 21620
BALTIMORE CO. Ph. 410-887-2724 Fax 410-377-5397 *T 410-832-7179	Communicable Disease, 3rd Floor 6401 York Road Baltimore MD 21212	MONTGOMERY Ph. 240-777-1755 Fax 240-777-1754 *T 240-777-4000	2000 Dennis Avenue Suite 238 Silver Spring MD 20902
CALVERT Ph. 410-535-5400 Fax 410-414-2057 *P 410-586-4051	PO Box 980 Prince Frederick MD 20678	PR. GEORGE'S Ph. 301-583-3750 Fax 301-583-3794 *T 301-499-8400	3003 Hospital Drive Suite 1066 Cheverly MD 20785-1194
CAROLINE Ph. 410-479-8000 Fax 410-479-4864 *P 410-819-9795	PO Box 10 403 South 7th Street Denton MD 21629	QUEEN ANNE'S Ph. 410-758-0720 Fax 410-758-8151 *T 410-758-3476	206 N. Commerce Street Centreville MD 21617
CARROLL Ph. 410-876-4926 Fax 410-876-4959 *T 410-876-4900	PO Box 845 290 S. Center Street Westminster MD 21158-0845	ST. MARY'S Ph. 301-475-4330 Fax 301-475-4350 *T 301-475-8016	PO Box 316 21580 Peabody Street Leonardtown MD 20650
CECIL Ph. 410-996-5100 Fax 410-996-1019 *T 410-996-5350	401 Bow Street Elkton MD 21921	SOMERSET Ph. 443-523-1740 Fax 410-651-5699 *P 410-334-9090	Attn: Communicable Disease 7920 Crisfield Highway Westover MD 21871
CHARLES Ph. 301-609-6810 Fax 301-934-7048 *T 301-932-2222	PO Box 1050 White Plains MD 20695	TALBOT Ph. 410-819-5600 Fax 410-819-5693 *T 410-819-5600	100 S. Hanson Street Easton MD 21601
DORCHESTER Ph. 410-228-3223 Fax 410-901-8180 *P 410-221-3362	3 Cedar Street Cambridge MD 21613	WASHINGTON Ph. 240-313-3210 Fax 240-313-3334 *T 240-313-3200	1302 Pennsylvania Avenue Hagerstown MD 21742
FREDERICK Ph. 301-631-3342 Fax 301-631-3111 *P 301-360-7386	350 Montevue Lane Frederick MD 21702	WICOMICO Ph. 410-543-6943 Fax 410-548-5151 *T 410-543-6996	Attn: Communicable Disease 108 E. Main Street Salisbury MD 21801-4921
GARRETT Ph. 301-334-7777 Fax 301-334-7771 Fax 301-334-7717 ← *T 301-334-1930	Garrett Co. Community Health Ctr. 1025 Memorial Drive Oakland MD 21550-4343 (Fax for use during emergencies)	WORCESTER Ph. 410-632-1100 Fax 410-632-0906 *T 410-632-1311	PO Box 249 Snow Hill MD 21863
STATE Ph. 410-767-6712 Fax 410-669-4215 *T 410-767-6700 (use if Local Health Dept. is unavailable)	Maryland Department of Health & Mental Hygiene 201 West Preston Street Unit# 26 Baltimore MD 21201-2301 ATTN: EDCP - Communicable Disease Surveillance		