

/* Nebraska's Department of Health has written procedures for the control of communicable diseases. The attachments referred to in the NEBRASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE are reproduced in the *.PCX file portion of this CD-ROM, in the files named NEB*.PCX. */

Title 173

Chapter 1 - rules and regulations concerning the reporting and control of communicable diseases and poisonings

001 Scope of regulations. These regulations shall apply to the content, control and reporting of communicable disease and poisonings pursuant to the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. Sections 71-501 to 71-506 and 71-507 to 71-513

002 Who must report.

002.01 Physicians and hospitals. Physicians and hospitals shall make reports of communicable disease and poisonings as described in Section 003-01 - 003.03 and Section 004.01 of these regulations;

002.02 Laboratories. Laboratories shall make reports as described in Sections 003.01 - 003.03, 004.01 and Section 009 of these regulations.

003.02 Cases to be reported within seven days. Physician, hospitals, and laboratories shall make reports of the following diseases or poisonings within seven days of diagnosis or detection. Physicians and hospitals shall submit reports on the appropriate form, Attachment A. Laboratories shall make reports on the appropriate form, Attachment B, attached hereto and incorporated in these regulations by this reference, no later than Tuesday of each week.

Disease:

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS);

003.03 CLUSTERS OR UNUSUAL OUTBREAKS. Hospitals, physicians, and laboratories shall report by telephone pertinent information relating to outbreaks or epidemics of any health problem, infectious or other, including food poisoning and hospital-associated- outbreaks. The telephone report shall be made within 24 hours of detecting such occurrence. See Section 004 Where to Report.

003.03A For physicians and hospitals, pertinent

information includes the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of cases, times of onset, and mode of transmission if known.

003.03B For laboratories, pertinent information includes the dates and results of the tests performed, the names (and when available, the ages) of the persons from whom the specimens were obtained, and the names and addresses of the physicians for whom such examinations or tests were performed.

004 Where to Report.

004.01 CASES REPORTED BY PHYSICIANS, HOSPITALS, AND LABORATORIES. Telephone and written reports (Attachments A and B) are to be made to the local health department if the area is served by an approved local full-time health service as defined in Neb.Rev.Stat. Section 71-1626, and where the health director of the service has specified this method of reporting. In all other areas, the reports are to be made directly to the State Health Department.

004.02 LOCAL HEALTH SERVICE TO REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT. It shall be the duty of the approved local full-time public health service to report weekly all cases of reportable diseases that occurred within the week in the jurisdictional area of the respective service when the local director has specified that such diseases be reported to the local service. Such report shall be made by the health director or authorized representative of the respective services, no later than Friday of each week.

004.02A For all reportable diseases as specified in Sections 003.01 and 003.02, the local full-time public health service shall report for each case at least the name of the person, clinic, institution or physician reporting the disease, patient's name, address, age, sex, disease, and date of onset. Other information, such as race and ethnicity, should be reported if known.

005 Control Measures for Communicable Diseases. For the information of the public, the latest editions of these publications are used as a reference by the Department, official local health departments, and physicians in the control of communicable diseases: "Control of Communicable Diseases in Man"

published by the American Public Health Association, 1015 Fifteenth Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20005 and disease-specific recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control, United States Department of Health and Human Services, as printed in the "Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report".

005.01 ISOLATION. The physician attending a case or suspected case of a disease requiring isolation (or, in the absence of a physician, the director of the local or state health department) shall make certain that isolation precautions are taken to prevent spread of disease to other.

005.02 REPORT OF NONCOMPLIANCE. Physicians shall report immediately to the director of the state or local health department the name, address, and other pertinent information for all individuals with diseases requiring isolation who refuse to comply with prescribed isolation precautions.

007 Sexually Transmitted Diseases. For the purpose of implementing Neb.Rev.Stat. Section 71-502.01, sexually transmitted diseases shall include, but not be limited to, the following diseases:

- 007.01 Bacterial Vaginosis;
- 007.02 Candidiasis;
- 007.03 Chancroid;
- 007.04 Chlamydia Genital Infection;
- 007.05 Gonorrhea;
- 007.06 Granuloma Inguinale;
- 007.07 Hepatitis B;
- 007.08 Herpes Genital Infection;
- 007.09 Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Infection;
- 007.10 Human Papilloma virus (HPV);
- 007.11 Lymphogranuloma Venereum;
- 007.12 Syphilis;
- 007.13 Trichomoniasis.

008 Emergency Medical Services Provider - Significant Exposure to Infectious Disease or Condition. The purpose of this section is to implement Neb.Rev.Stat. Section 71-508.

008.01 DEFINITION. Infectious disease or condition shall mean:

- 008.01A Hepatitis B;

008.01B Meningococcal Meningitis;
008.01C Active Pulmonary Tuberculosis; and
008.01D Human Immunodeficiency Virus.

008.02 SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE REPORT FORM. For the purpose of Neb.Rev.Stat. Section 71-508, the form to be used by the emergency medical services provider to document information necessary for notification of significant exposure to an infectious disease or condition is attached hereto as Attachment C and incorporated in these regulations by this reference as though fully set forth herein. Emergency medical service providers are responsible for reproduction of the form for use in the notification procedure.

009 Laboratory HIV Statistical Summary Reports. Any person who is in charge of a clinical laboratory in which a laboratory examination of any specimen derived from the human body yields evidence of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) shall report statistical summaries of human immunodeficiency virus tests conducted and the results of such tests. The HIV statistical summaries shall be reported to the Nebraska Department of Health on forms provided by the Department. Completed statistical summary reports are due on the 15th day of the month following the month covered by the report. Reports should be mailed to:

Nebraska Department of Health
Division of Disease Control
P.O. Box 95007
Lincoln, NE 68509-5007

The report form is attached hereto as Attachment D and incorporated in these regulations by this reference as though fully set forth herein. Forms are available from the Department at the above address.