

# 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 Directors<sup>1</sup>

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| Amoebiasis                                                | Meningitis, infectious                                  |
| Anthrax                                                   | Microsporidiosis                                        |
| Arbovirus infections (all types)                          | Mumps                                                   |
| Bacteremia in newborns                                    | Pertussis                                               |
| Botulism                                                  | Pesticide related illness                               |
| Brucellosis                                               | Plague                                                  |
| Campylobacter infection                                   | Poliomyelitis                                           |
| CD 4+ count, if less than 200/MM3 <sup>2</sup>            | Psittacosis                                             |
| Chlamydia infection                                       | Q fever                                                 |
| Cholera                                                   | Rabies                                                  |
| Coccidioidomycosis                                        | 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 <sup>3</sup>    |
| Haemophilus influenza, invasive disease <sup>3</sup>      | Streptococcal invasive disease, group B <sup>3</sup>    |
| Hansen disease (leprosy)                                  | Streptococcus pneumoniae, invasive disease <sup>3</sup> |
| Hantavirus infection                                      | Syphilis                                                |
| Hepatitis, viral, types A, B, C & other types             | Trichinosis                                             |
| Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection <sup>2</sup> | Tuberculosis                                            |
| Isosporiasis                                              | Tularemia                                               |
| Legionellosis                                             | Typhoid fever                                           |
| Leptospirosis                                             | Varicella (chickenpox), fatal cases only                |
| Listeriosis                                               | Vibriosis, noncholera <sup>4</sup>                      |
| Lyme disease                                              | Viral hemorrhagic fevers (all types)                    |
| Malaria                                                   | Yellow fever                                            |
| Measles                                                   | Yersiniosis                                             |
| Meningococcal invasive disease <sup>3</sup>               |                                                         |

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.

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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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**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                                                                     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>ALLEGANY</b><br>Ph. 301-777-5600<br>Fax 301-777-2063<br>★T 301-777-5600                                         | PO Box 1745<br>Willowbrook Rd<br>Cumberland MD 21501-1745                                                                                                                  | <b>HARFORD</b><br>Ph. 410-638-8464<br>Fax 410-638-8488<br>★P 410-405-6448      | PO Box 797<br>119 Hays Street<br>Bel Air MD 21014-0797                      |
| <b>ANNE ARUNDEL</b><br>Ph. 410-222-7256<br>Fax 410-222-7490<br>★T 443-481-3140                                     | Communicable Disease & Epi.<br>1 Harry S. Truman Parkway<br>Room 231<br>Annapolis MD 21401                                                                                 | <b>HOWARD</b><br>Ph. 410-313-6110<br>Fax 410-313-6108<br>★T 410-313-2929       | 10630 Little Patuxent Parkway<br>Suite 400 A<br>Columbia MD 21044           |
| <b>BALTIMORE CITY</b><br>Ph. 410-396-4436<br>Fax 410-625-0688<br>★T 410-396-3100                                   | 210 Guilford Ave.<br>3rd Floor<br>Baltimore MD 21202                                                                                                                       | <b>KENT</b><br>Ph. 410-778-1350<br>Fax 410-778-7913<br>★T 410-778-1241         | 125 S. Lynchburg Street<br>Chestertown MD 21620                             |
| <b>BALTIMORE CO.</b><br>Ph. 410-887-2724<br>Fax 410-377-5397<br>★T 410-832-7179                                    | Communicable Disease, 3rd Floor<br>6401 York Road<br>Baltimore MD 21212                                                                                                    | <b>MONTGOMERY</b><br>Ph. 240-777-1755<br>Fax 240-777-1754<br>★T 240-777-4000   | 2000 Dennis Avenue<br>Suite 238<br>Silver Spring MD 20902                   |
| <b>CALVERT</b><br>Ph. 410-535-5400<br>Fax 410-535-1955<br>★P 410-586-4051                                          | PO Box 980<br>Prince Frederick MD 20678                                                                                                                                    | <b>PR. GEORGE'S</b><br>Ph. 301-583-3750<br>Fax 301-583-3794<br>★T 301-499-8400 | 3003 Hospital Dr.<br>Suite 1066<br>Cheverly MD 20785-1194                   |
| <b>CAROLINE</b><br>Ph. 410-479-8000<br>Fax 410-479-4864<br>★P 410-819-9795                                         | PO Box 10<br>403 South 7th Street<br>Denton MD 21629                                                                                                                       | <b>QUEEN ANNE'S</b><br>Ph. 410-758-0720<br>Fax 410-758-8151<br>★T 410-758-3476 | 206 N. Commerce Street<br>Centreville MD 21617                              |
| <b>CARROLL</b><br>Ph. 410-876-4926<br>Fax 410-876-4959<br>★T 410-876-4900                                          | PO Box 845<br>290 S. Center Street<br>Westminster MD 21158-0845                                                                                                            | <b>ST. MARY'S</b><br>Ph. 301-475-4330<br>Fax 301-475-4350<br>★T 301-475-8016   | PO Box 316<br>21580 Peabody Street<br>Leonardtwn MD 20650                   |
| <b>CECIL</b><br>Ph. 410-996-5100<br>Fax 410-996-1019<br>★T 410-996-5350                                            | 401 Bow Street<br>Elkton MD 21921                                                                                                                                          | <b>SOMERSET</b><br>Ph. 443-523-1740<br>Fax 410-651-5699<br>★P 410-334-9090     | Attn: Communicable Disease<br>7920 Crisfield Hwy.<br>Westover MD 21871      |
| <b>CHARLES</b><br>Ph. 301-609-6810<br>Fax 301-934-7048<br>★T 301-932-2222                                          | PO Box 1050<br>White Plains MD 20695                                                                                                                                       | <b>TALBOT</b><br>Ph. 410-819-5600<br>Fax 410-819-5693<br>★T 410-819-5600       | 100 S. Hanson Street<br>Easton MD 21601                                     |
| <b>DORCHESTER</b><br>Ph. 410-228-3223<br>Fax 410-901-8180<br>★P 410-221-3362                                       | 3 Cedar Street<br>Cambridge MD 21613                                                                                                                                       | <b>WASHINGTON</b><br>Ph. 240-313-3210<br>Fax 240-313-3334<br>★T 240-313-3200   | 1302 Pennsylvania Ave.<br>Hagerstown MD 21742                               |
| <b>FREDERICK</b><br>Ph. 301-631-3342<br>Fax 301-631-3111<br>★P 301-360-7386                                        | 350 Montevue Lane<br>Frederick MD 21702                                                                                                                                    | <b>WICOMICO</b><br>Ph. 410-543-6943<br>Fax 410-548-5151<br>★T 410-543-6996     | Attn: Communicable Disease<br>108 E. Main Street<br>Salisbury MD 21801-4921 |
| <b>GARRETT</b><br>Ph. 301-631-3342<br>Fax 301-631-3111<br>Fax 301-334-7717 ←<br>★T 301-334-1930                    | Garrett Co. Community Health Ctr.<br>1025 Memorial Drive<br>Oakland MD 21550-4343<br>(Fax for use during emergencies)                                                      | <b>WORCESTER</b><br>Ph. 410-632-1100<br>Fax 410-632-0906<br>★T 410-632-1311    | PO Box 249<br>Snow Hill MD 21863                                            |
| <b>STATE</b><br>Ph. 410-767-6712<br>Fax 410-669-4215<br>★T 410-767-6700 (use if Local Health Dept. is unavailable) | <b>Maryland Department of Health &amp; Mental Hygiene</b><br>201 West Preston Street Unit# 26<br>Baltimore MD 21201-2301<br>ATTN: EDCP - Communicable Disease Surveillance |                                                                                |                                                                             |