

# Diseases of Public Health Significance

If you suspect or have confirmation of the following specified Diseases of Public Health Significance or their etiologic agents, (as per Ontario Reg. 135/18 "Designation of Diseases" and amendments under the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*) please report them to the Medical Officer of Health.

**Diseases marked \* must be reported IMMEDIATELY AS SOON AS SUSPECTED to the Medical Officer of Health by telephone. Do not wait for laboratory confirmation.**

Other diseases can be reported by the next working day by fax, phone or mail.

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Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS); includes HIV (human immunodeficiency virus)

\*Acute flaccid paralysis (AFP)

Amebiasis

Anaplasmosis

\*Anthrax

Babesiosis

Blastomycosis

\*Botulism

\*Brucellosis

Campylobacter enteritis

\*Candida auris

Carbapenemase-producing Enterobacteriaceae (CPE) infection or colonization

Chancroid

Chickenpox (Varicella)

Chlamydia trachomatis infections

\*Cholera

\*Clostridium difficile infection (CDI) outbreaks in public hospitals

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

\*Coronavirus, novel including

\*MERS

\*SARS

\*Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease, all types

Cryptosporidiosis

Cyclosporiasis

\*Diphtheria

Echinococcus multilocularis infection

Encephalitis, primary, viral  
Encephalitis, post-infectious, vaccine-related, subacute sclerosing panencephalitis, unspecified

Food poisoning, all causes

\*Gastroenteritis, outbreaks in institutions and public hospitals

Giardiasis, except asymptomatic cases

Gonorrhea

\*Group A Streptococcal disease, invasive

Group B Streptococcal disease, neonatal

\*Haemophilus influenzae disease, all types, invasive

\*Hantavirus pulmonary syndrome

\*Hemorrhagic fevers, including:

\*Ebola virus disease

\*Marburg virus disease

\*Lassa fever and

\*other viral causes

\*Hepatitis A, viral

Hepatitis B, viral

Hepatitis C, viral

Influenza (\*novel strains)

Legionellosis

Leprosy

Listeriosis

Lyme Disease

\*Measles

\*Meningitis, acute, including:

\*Bacterial

Viral and

Other

\*Meningococcal disease, invasive

Mumps

Ophthalmia neonatorum

Paralytic shellfish poisoning

Paratyphoid Fever

Pertussis (Whooping Cough)

\*Plague

Pneumococcal disease, invasive

\*Poliomyelitis, acute

Powassan Virus

Psittacosis/Ornithosis

\*Q Fever

\*Rabies

\*Respiratory infection outbreaks in institutions and public hospitals

Rubella

Rubella, congenital syndrome

Salmonellosis

Shigellosis

\*Smallpox

Other Orthopoxviruses  
Including mpox

Syphilis

Tetanus

Trichinosis

Tuberculosis

Tularemia

Typhoid Fever

Verotoxin-producing E. coli infection, including Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (HUS)

West Nile Virus Illness

Yersiniosis

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