

HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD and TB Administration
Strategic Information Division
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HEALTH NOTICE FOR DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

HIV, Hepatitis, STD, and TB Case Reporting Updates

SUMMARY

Surveillance collects, analyzes, and disseminates information about new and existing cases of reportable diseases in DC to guide public health action. These data provide insight into how the DC Department of Health (DC Health) in partnership with community can continue to make progress for the health of District residents. This notice provides important updates for HIV, hepatitis, STD, and TB name-based case reporting in the District of Columbia (DC).

BACKGROUND

There are two leading legislative documents that provide the authority for public health departments to collect personal identifying information on persons with communicable diseases. The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) Privacy and Security Rules exempts public health departments from informed consent on the basis of public health purpose. Secondly, the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR) provides both the authority for the DC Department of Health (DC Health) to collect personal identifying information on persons with communicable diseases and describes the reporting requirements from providers. Providers are defined as physicians, laboratories, and others in charge of a communicable disease. The data collected through case reporting is then used to inform public health action, program and policy development, interrupt the transmission of diseases, and protect community health.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

In the District, the following diseases are reportable to the health department within 48 hours of confirmation by providers, physicians, and/or laboratories:

- Chlamydia (chlamydia trachomatis infection, including PID, perinatal, and trachoma)
- Gonorrhea (gonococcal infection)
- Hepatitis B virus
- Hepatitis C virus
- HIV (human immunodeficiency virus infection, and pregnancies in HIV-infected women)
- Syphilis (all stages, congenital)
- Tuberculosis

Cases should be submitted online using the HAHSTA Testing and Case Reporting Form available here:

<https://redcap.doh.dc.gov/surveys/index.php/surveys/?s=7KLXPD3PD9>

REFERENCES

More information regarding reporting requirements for the aforementioned diseases is available here:

<https://dcregs.dc.gov/Common/DCMR/SectionList.aspx?SectionNumber=22-B206>

A technical guidance for completing the HAHSTA Testing and Case Reporting Form is available here:

<https://dchealth.dc.gov/publication/hahsta-notifiable-disease-report-form>

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