



COMMUNICABLE DISEASE REPORTING

What is communicable disease?

- A Communicable Disease (CD) is an infectious disease which is transmitted by direct contact with an infected individual, an infected individual's body fluid or respiratory secretions, or by indirect means (contaminated surface or a vector, such as a mosquito).

Why do we report?

- It is required by state law.
 - Act No. 368 of PA 1978 "...childcare center,...are required to report the occurrence of any disease, condition, or infections as identified in the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) guidelines to the local health department on a weekly basis".
- To assist the Genesee County Health Department (GCHD)
 - Identify outbreaks and epidemics
 - Enable preventive treatment and/or education
 - Target prevention programs, identify needs and allocate resources
 - Assist with research
 - Assist with local, state, national and international surveillance

Where do I report?

- Weekly information should be submitted to Genesee County Health Department
- Information should be submitted via the GCHD website www.gchd.us

How do I report?

- Reports are submitted on the "Communicable Disease Reporting Form for Schools" found under the "Reports & Data" tab at our website*
- Reports for the week ending Friday are due on Monday by 11 am

*For those without internet access, instructions on faxing information is available by calling 810-257-1017

What do I need to report?

Weekly counts:

- Flu-like illness: Fever with any of the following symptoms-sore throat, cough, generalized aching
- Stomach virus: Diarrhea or vomiting for 24-48 hours
- Strep throat

Individual diseases**:

- | | |
|------------------------------|----------------|
| • Chickenpox | • Meningitis |
| • Measles | • Encephalitis |
| • Mumps | • Hepatitis |
| • Rubella | • Tuberculosis |
| • Pertussis (whooping cough) | • Other |
| • Influenza | |

These listed diseases, with the exception of chickenpox, should be followed up with an immediate phone call to the health department at **810-257-1017. For a full list of individually reportable diseases see the GCHD Communicable Disease Reporting Handbook for Schools and Daycares found at http://www.gchd.us/ReportsAndData/Reports/school_forms.asp.

If I have any other questions, whom can I contact?

- | | |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| • Communicable Diseases | 810-257-1017 |
| • Epidemiologist | 810-768-7971 |
| • MIS (website assistance) | 810-257-3630 |

This fact sheet is for information only.
For more information call Genesee County Health Department at 257-3612 or visit our website at: www.gchd.us

"Better Life through Better Health"

Last Modified: September 2009