OHIO’S COMMUNICABLE DISEASE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

WHO must report?
Healthcare providers (physicians, hospitals, infection preventionists) with knowledge of a case or suspect case of a disease which is required to be reported
Laboratorians that examine specimens of human origin with evidence of diseases which are required to be reported
Any individual having knowledge of a person suffering from a disease suspected of being communicable

WHAT must be reported?
Diseases on Ohio’s ABC list

Healthcare providers must report the following:
✓ Name of case or suspect case
✓ Diagnosis or suspected diagnosis
✓ Date of birth of case or suspect case
✓ Sex of case or suspect case
✓ Telephone number of case or suspect case
✓ Street address, including city, state and zip code of case or suspect case
✓ Supplementary surveillance information as outlined in Section 3 for the specific disease being reported
✓ Healthcare provider name, telephone number and street address (including city, state and zip code)

Laboratorians must report the following:
✓ Name of case or suspect case
✓ Date of birth of case or suspect case
✓ Sex of case or suspect case
✓ Street address, including city, state and zip code of case or suspect case
✓ Laboratory test information
   ▪ Specimen identification number
   ▪ Specimen collection date
   ▪ Specimen type
   ▪ Test name
   ▪ Test result
   ▪ Organism and serotype, as applicable
✓ Healthcare provider name, telephone number and street address (including city, state and zip code)

WHEN must a report be made?
Class A disease – immediately by phone
Class B disease – by the end of the next business day
Class C disease – by the end of the next business day

WHERE must the report be made?
Healthcare providers and laboratorians
   ▪ To the local health jurisdiction in which the case or suspected case resides (unless otherwise noted in Section 3)
   ▪ If residence is unknown, report to the local health jurisdiction in which the healthcare provider or laboratory is located
If residence is outside of Ohio and reporting via electronic laboratory reporting (ELR), report to the state of patient residence
If residence is outside of Ohio and not reporting via ELR, report to the local health jurisdiction in which the health care provider or laboratory is located

Local health jurisdictions

- To ODH

**HOW** must the report be made?

**Healthcare providers**
- Class A – immediately by phone; follow-up with HEA 3334 or supplementary surveillance forms as instructed by the local health jurisdiction; follow-up reports can also be made electronically through direct entry into the Ohio Disease Reporting System (ODRS)
- Class B and C – HEA 3334 and supplementary surveillance forms, as appropriate; Class B and C reports can also be made electronically through direct entry into ODRS
- Healthcare providers that report 200 or more Class A, B or C diseases each year should consider electronic reporting through direct entry into ODRS

**Laboratorians**
- Class A – immediately by phone, follow-up with HEA 3333 as instructed by the local health jurisdiction; follow-up reports can also be made electronically through direct entry into the Ohio Disease Reporting System (ODRS) or through Electronic Laboratory Reporting
- Class B and C – HEA 3333; Class B and C reports can also be made electronically through direct entry into ODRS or through ELR
- Laboratories that report 200 or more Class A, B or C diseases each year should be working towards ELR reporting

**Local health jurisdictions**
- Class A – immediately by phone; follow-up reports should be directly entered into the Ohio Disease Reporting System (ODRS)
- Class B and C – direct entry into ODRS
- Local health jurisdictions should assure that reports entered into ODRS are complete; supplementary surveillance information as outlined in Section 3 should be mailed to ODH at the following address:
  - Ohio Department of Health
  - Outbreak Response and Bioterrorism Investigation Team
  - Bureau of Infectious Diseases
  - 246 N. High St.
  - Columbus, OH 43215

**WHY** must a report be made?
- Disease control and prevention as outlined in Section 3 for the specific disease being reported
- Documentation of the distribution of disease in Ohio
- Identification of outbreaks