

Did you know that you are required by Florida statute to report certain diseases to your local public health department?

Section 381.0031(1,2), Florida Statutes provides that "Any practitioner, licensed in Florida to practice medicine, osteopathic medicine, chiropractic, naturopathy, or veterinary medicine, who diagnoses or suspects the existence of a disease of public health significance shall immediately report the fact to the Department of Health." The DOH county health departments serve as the Department's representative in this reporting requirement. Furthermore, this Section provides that "Periodically the Department shall issue a list of diseases determined by it to be of public health significance ... and shall furnish a copy of said list to the practitioners....".

The Current List of Reportable Diseases/Conditions in Florida

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)	Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)	Trichinosis
Animal Bite to humans	Lead Poisoning	Tuberculosis
Anthrax (T)	Legionellosis	Tularemia (T)
Botulism (T)	Leptospirosis	Typhoid Fever
Brucellosis	Listeriosis (T)	Vibrio Infections
Campylobacteriosis	Lyme Disease	<i>Vibrio alginolyticus</i>
Cancer (except non melanoma skin cancer)	Lymphogranuloma Venereum	<i>Vibrio cholerae</i> , Serogroup 01 (T)
Chancroid	Malaria	<i>Vibrio cholerae</i> , Serogroup non-01
Chlamydia trachomatis	Measles (T)	<i>Vibrio fluvialis</i>
Ciguatera	Meningitis (Bacterial & Mycotic)	<i>Vibrio hollisae</i>
Congenital anomalies	Group B Streptococcus	<i>Vibrio mimicus</i>
Cryptosporidiosis	<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>	<i>Vibrio parahaemolyticus</i>
Cyclosporiasis	<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	<i>Vibrio vulnificus</i>
Dengue	Meningococcal (<i>Neisseria meningitidis</i>) (T)	Vibrio other (including unspecified)
Diphtheria (T)	<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	Yellow Fever (T)
Ehrlichiosis, human	Other Bacterial (including unspecified)	
Encephalitis	Meningococcal Disease (T)	<u>Any disease outbreak</u> (T)
Eastern Equine (T)	Mercury Poisoning	(e.g., in the community, hospital,
St. Louis (T)	Mumps	or other institution; or
Venezuelan Equine (T)	Neurotoxic Shellfish Poisoning (T)	foodborne or waterborne)
Western Equine (T)	Pertussis	is also reportable
Post-Infectious	Pesticide-Related Illness and Injury	
Other (including unspecified)	Plague (T)	
Enteric disease due to:	Poliomyelitis (T)	
E. coli O157:H7 (T)	Psittacosis	
E. coli, Other (known serotype)	Q fever	
Giardiasis (acute)	Rabies	
Gonorrhea	Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, R. rickettsii	
Granuloma Inguinale	Rubella, including congenital	
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> , invasive disease	Salmonellosis	
Hansen's Disease (Leprosy)	Shigellosis	
Hantavirus infection (T)	Smallpox (T)	
Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> , glycopeptide intermediate (GISA/VISA) (T)	
	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> , Glycopeptide resistant (GRSA/VRSA) (T)	
Hemorrhagic Fever (T)	Streptococcal Disease, invasive group A	
Hepatitis (viral)	<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> , invasive disease	
Hepatitis A (T)	Syphilis	
Hepatitis B (includes perinatal)	Tetanus	
Hepatitis C	Toxoplasmosis (acute)	
Hepatitis Non-A, Non-B		
Hepatitis, Other including unspecified		
Hepatitis B Surface antigen (HbsAg) positive in a pregnant woman or a child <=24 months of age		

(T) = To be reported immediately by telephone.

You are an invaluable part of Florida's disease surveillance system. For more information, please call the epidemiology unit at your local county health department or the Bureau of Epidemiology at the Department of Health office at (850) 245-4401