Overview of Reportable Conditions and Reporting Methods — Health Care Providers

The following table summarizes the reporting requirements for health care providers by detailing timeframes and acceptable methods. Additional reporting details can be found on subsequent pages for each category of conditions.

**HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS must report:**

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<td>• Sexually transmitted diseases or HIV (page 8)</td>
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<td>• ≥5 ug/dl in persons &lt; 18 years old</td>
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*Prior to calling, please consult the relevant report form to know what data elements will be requested.

A Frequently Asked Questions for health care providers about reporting infectious diseases is available at: [http://www.epi.alaska.gov/pubs/conditions/ReportingFAQ.pdf](http://www.epi.alaska.gov/pubs/conditions/ReportingFAQ.pdf)

Reporting of syndromic surveillance information is not mandated; however, Alaska participates in the national BioSense program and encourages eligible hospitals to submit syndromic surveillance data. Visit the BioSense website for more information: [http://www.epi.alaska.gov/id/biosense/default.htm](http://www.epi.alaska.gov/id/biosense/default.htm)

Many of the same conditions are reportable by both health care providers and laboratories. Sometimes reports are not made because each party responsible for reporting assumes that the other has already reported. **Health care providers are not relieved of their obligation to report by virtue of the condition also being reportable by laboratories (and vice versa).**
Overview of Reportable Conditions and Reporting Methods — Laboratories

The following table summarizes the reporting requirements for laboratories by detailing timeframes, acceptable methods, and a link to report forms. Additional reporting details can be found on subsequent pages for each category of conditions.

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<td>Required submission of isolates (page 11)</td>
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**Hospital or commercial laboratories interested in establishing electronic mechanisms for reporting should contact the Section of Epidemiology for technical assistance (also, see page 5 regarding the Alaska Health Information Exchange).**

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