



# **Community Infection Prevention and Control Policy for General Practice**

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### **Notifiable diseases**

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#### **NOTIFIABLE DISEASES**

#### 1. Introduction

Diseases that are notifiable to the Local Authority Proper Officers under the Health Protection (Notification) Regulations 2010 are listed below.

Registered medical practitioners have a statutory duty to notify the 'proper officer' at their local Council or UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) Team of suspected cases of certain infectious diseases.

#### 2. Notification form

Complete a notification form immediately on diagnosis of a suspected notifiable disease. Don't wait for laboratory confirmation of a suspected infection before notification. <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/notifiable-diseases-form-for-registered-medical-practitioners">www.gov.uk/government/publications/notifiable-diseases-form-for-registered-medical-practitioners</a>.

Send the form to the proper officer within 3 days, or notify them verbally within 24 hours if the case is urgent. Contact your local UKHSA Team for further guidance.

#### List of notifiable diseases

Diseases notifiable to local authority proper officers under the Health Protection (Notification) Regulations 2010:

| Disease                                | Whether likely to be routine or urgent   |
|--|--|
| Acute encephalitis                     | Routine                                  |
| Acute infectious hepatitis             | Urgent if suspected bacterial infection, |
| (A, B, C)                              | otherwise routine                        |
| Acute meningitis                       | Urgent                                   |
| Acute poliomyelitis                    | Urgent                                   |
| Anthrax                                | Urgent                                   |
| Botulism                               | Urgent                                   |
| Brucellosis                            | Routine: urgent if UK acquired           |
| Cholera                                | Urgent                                   |
| COVID-19                               | Urgent                                   |
| Diphtheria                             | Urgent                                   |
| Enteric fever (typhoid or paratyphoid) | Urgent                                   |

| Disease                                  | Whether likely to be routine or urgent   |
|--|--|
| Food poisoning                           | Routine: urgent, if as part of a cluster or outbreak                             |
| Haemolytic uraemic syndrome (HUS)        | Urgent   |
| Infectious bloody diarrhoea              | Urgent   |
| Invasive group A streptococcal disease   | Urgent   |
| Legionnaires' disease                    | Urgent   |
| Leprosy                                  | Routine  |
| Malaria                                  | Routine: urgent if UK acquired   |
| Measles                                  | Urgent   |
| Meningococcal septicaemia                | Urgent   |
| Mpox (Monkeypox)                         | Urgent   |
| Mumps                                    | Routine  |
| Plague                                   | Urgent   |
| Rabies                                   | Urgent   |
| Rubella                                  | Routine  |
| Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) | Urgent   |
| Scarlet fever                            | Routine  |
| Smallpox                                 | Urgent   |
| Tetanus                                  | Routine: urgent if associated with injecting drug use                            |
| Tuberculosis                             | Routine: urgent if healthcare worker or suspected cluster or multidrug-resistant |
| Typhus                                   | Routine  |
| Viral haemorrhagic fever (VHF)           | Urgent   |
| Whooping cough                           | Urgent if diagnosed in acute phase: routine if later diagnosis                   |
| Yellow fever                             | Routine: urgent if UK acquired   |

This list is not exhaustive. If in doubt, please telephone your local UKHSA Team.

Report other diseases that may present significant risk to human health under the category 'other significant disease'.

## 4. Infection Prevention and Control resources, education and training

The Community IPC Team have produced a wide range of innovative educational and IPC resources designed to assist your General Practice in achieving compliance with the *Health and Social Care Act 2008: code of practice on the prevention and control of infection and related guidance* and CQC registration requirements.

These resources are either free to download from the website or available at a minimal cost covering administration and printing:

- 27 IPC Policy documents for General Practice
- Preventing Infection Workbook: Guidance for General Practice
- IPC CQC inspection preparation Pack for General Practice
- · IPC audit tools, posters, leaflets and factsheets
- IPC Bulletin for General Practice Staff

In addition, we hold educational study events in North Yorkshire.

Further information on these high quality evidence-based resources is available at <a href="https://www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk">www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk</a>.

#### 5. References

Department of Health and Social Care (Updated December 2022) *Health and Social Care Act 2008: code of practice on the prevention and control of infections and related guidance* 

Legislation.gov.uk (2010) *The Health Protection (Notification) Regulations 2010* NHS England (2022, updated 2023) *National infection prevention and control manual (NIPCM) for England* 

Public Health England (May 2010) Statutory notification by registered medical practitioners\* of all hazards: infections, chemicals & radiation <a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_data/file/820133/PHE\_Notifiable\_diseases\_poster\_HPT.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_data/file/820133/PHE\_Notifiable\_diseases\_poster\_HPT.pdf</a>

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