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BACKGROUND

The requirement to report specific infectious diseases, outbreaks and certain other conditions is mandated by the states. What is reportable varies from state to state, but is based on a national list of notifiable diseases that is prepared by the Centers for Disease Control and periodically revised. Typically, states require reporting by health care providers and diagnostic laboratories. Most reporting is not confidential, but some may be anonymous, such as reporting of HIV infection or AIDS.

JHSPH POLICY AND PROCEDURES

It is the responsibility of the Principal Investigator to determine, and comply with, the applicable State reporting requirements. JHSPH interprets Maryland law as requiring that researchers have the same reporting responsibility as health care providers. When conducting research internationally, the PI is responsible for determining, and complying with, the disease reporting requirements of the relevant country or locality.

The informed consent document should state that diseases or conditions detected during the research, and for which reporting is required, will be reported to the health authorities along with the patient's identity, except for AIDS, HIV infection and low CD4+ counts.

Maryland Reportable Diseases and Conditions

Reporting by Health Care Providers and Researchers

Maryland Code requires that reports by health care providers (and researchers) be made in writing within 48 hours or, for certain conditions, immediately by telephone. Specific conditions that must be reported are listed on the [Maryland Department of Mental Health and Hygiene website](#). Other diseases and conditions that must be reported include:

- Any condition made reportable by department orders or new regulations (e.g., SARS).¹

¹ Report immediately by telephone

- A single case of a disease of known or unknown etiology that may be a danger to the public health.
- Unusual manifestation(s) of a communicable disease in an individual.¹
- Outbreaks of known or unknown etiology that may be a danger to the public health.¹

The HIPAA Privacy Rule permits physicians and other covered entities to disclose protected health information without a patient's written authorization to public health authorities who are legally authorized to receive such reports for the purpose of preventing or controlling disease.

Reports should be made to the local health authority, which is the Commissioner of Health (for Baltimore City) or the County Health Officer (for the relevant county). At a minimum, the report should include the disease or condition being reported; the name, address of the physician or researcher making the report; and the name, age, sex and residence address of the patient or research subject. . For reports of AIDS do NOT include the patient's name or street address; DO include the patient's age, sex, and zip code of residence

Reporting by Laboratory Directors

Maryland Code requires that reports by laboratory directors be made in writing within 48 hours after a test result is obtained. Conditions or other results that must be reported are listed on the [Maryland Department of Mental Health and Hygiene website](#).

Reports should be made to the local health authority, which is the Commissioner of Health (for Baltimore City) or the County Health Officer (for the relevant county). At a minimum, the report should include the date, type, and result of the test; and the name, address of the physician or researcher who requested the test; and the name, age, sex ,residence address of the person from whom the specimen was taken. For reports of HIV infection or CD4+ count do NOT include the patient's name or street address; DO include the patient's age, sex, and zip code of residence.

DEFINITIONS

RESOURCES & REFERENCES

OHRP Requirement _____
FDA Requirement _____
AAHRPP Element _____