

(Effective until January 31, 2022)

WAC 246-101-110 Means of notification. Health care providers shall adhere to the following timelines and procedures:

(1) Conditions designated as immediately notifiable must be reported to the local health officer or the department, as specified in Table HC-1 of WAC 246-101-101, immediately as the time of diagnosis or suspected diagnosis. This applies twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Each local health jurisdiction, as well as the department, maintains after-hours emergency phone contacts for this purpose. A party sending a report by secure facsimile copy or secure electronic transmission during normal business hours must confirm immediate receipt by a live person.

(2) Conditions designated as notifiable within twenty-four hours must be reported to the local health officer or the department, as specified in Table HC-1 of WAC 246-101-101, within twenty-four hours of diagnosis or suspected diagnosis, seven days a week. Reports during normal public health business hours may be sent by secure electronic transmission, telephone, or secure facsimile copy of a case report. A party sending a report outside of normal public health business hours must use the after-hours emergency phone contact for the appropriate jurisdiction.

(3) Conditions designated as notifiable within three business days must be reported to the local health officer or department, as specified in Table HC-1 of WAC 246-101-101, within three business days. Notification may be sent by written case report, secure electronic transmission, telephone, or secure facsimile copy of a case report; and

(4) Conditions designated as notifiable on a monthly basis must be reported to the local health officer or the department, as specified in Table HC-1 of WAC 246-101-101, on a monthly basis. Notification may be sent by written case report, secure electronic transmission, telephone, or secure facsimile copy of a case report.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.20.050. WSR 11-02-065, § 246-101-110, filed 1/4/11, effective 2/4/11. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.20.050, 70.24.125, 70.28.010 and 70.104.030. WSR 00-23-120, § 246-101-110, filed 11/22/00, effective 12/23/00.]

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WAC 246-101-110 Means of notification—Health care providers and health care facilities. Health care providers and health care facilities shall:

(1) Submit a case report for each case under Table HC-1 of WAC 246-101-101, 246-101-115, and this section by secure electronic data transmission;

(2) Submit a case report to the department instead of the local health jurisdiction when:

(a) The local health jurisdiction is closed or representatives of the local health jurisdiction are unavailable:

(i) For immediately notifiable conditions; or

(ii) At the time an outbreak or suspected outbreak of a communicable disease occurs.

(b) The patient who is the subject of the case report resides outside Washington state and is a visitor to Washington state;

(3) Call the public health authority designated for the condition in Table HC-1 of WAC 246-101-101 immediately and confirm receipt of a case report for conditions designated as:

(a) Immediately notifiable; or

(b) Notifiable within twenty-four hours if the case report is submitted outside of the local health jurisdiction's normal business hours.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.20.050, 70.28.032, 70.104.055, 43.70.545, and 70.24.130. WSR 21-11-040, § 246-101-110, filed 5/12/21, effective 1/31/22. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.20.050. WSR 11-02-065, § 246-101-110, filed 1/4/11, effective 2/4/11. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.20.050, 70.24.125, 70.28.010 and 70.104.030. WSR 00-23-120, § 246-101-110, filed 11/22/00, effective 12/23/00.]