

REPORTABLE DISEASES FOR CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

Because communicable diseases can spread quickly in childcare settings, and because some of these diseases can be very serious in children, licensed childcare providers in Washington are required to notify Public Health when they learn that a child has been diagnosed with one of the communicable diseases listed below (WAC 246-101-415¹). **In addition, providers should also notify Public Health when an unusual number of children and/or staff are ill (for example, >10% of children in a center, most of the children in the toddler room), even if the disease is not on this list or has not yet been identified.**

To report any of the following conditions, call Public Health at (206) 296-4774.

Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)	Malaria
Animal bites	Measles
Arboviral disease (for example, West Nile virus)	Meningococcal disease
Botulism (foodborne, wound, or infant)	Mumps
Brucellosis	Paralytic shellfish poisoning
Campylobacteriosis	Pertussis
Cholera	Plague
Cryptosporidiosis	Poliomyelitis
Cyclosporiasis	Psittacosis
Diphtheria	Q fever
Diseases of suspected bioterrorism origin (including anthrax and smallpox)	Rabies and Rabies Exposures
Diseases of suspected foodborne origin	Rare diseases of public health significance
Diseases of suspected waterborne origin	Relapsing fever
Enterohemorrhagic <i>E. coli</i> , (including <i>E. coli</i> O157:H7 infection)	Rubella
Giardiasis	Salmonellosis
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> invasive disease	Sexually Transmitted Diseases (chancroid, gonorrhea, syphilis, genital herpes simplex, granuloma inguinale, lymphogranuloma venereum, <i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i>)
Hantavirus pulmonary syndrome	Shigellosis
Hemolytic uremic syndrome	Tetanus
Hepatitis A, acute	Trichinosis
Hepatitis B, acute	Tuberculosis
Hepatitis B, chronic	Tularemia
Hepatitis C, acute, or chronic	Typhus
Hepatitis, unspecified	Unexplained critical illness or death
HIV infection	Vibriosis
Immunization reactions, severe	Yellow fever
Legionellosis	Yersiniosis
Leptospirosis	
Listeriosis	
Lyme disease	

Even though a disease may not require a report, you are encouraged to consult with a Child Care Health Program Public Health Nurse at (206) 296-2770 for information about childhood illness or disease prevention. More information about communicable diseases can be found at <http://www.metrokc.gov/health/prevcont/>.

* **WAC 246-101-415 Responsibilities of child day care facilities.** Child day care facilities shall: (1) Notify the local health department of cases or suspected cases, or outbreaks and suspected outbreaks of notifiable conditions that may be associated with the child day care facility. (2) Consult with a health care provider or the local health department for information about the control and prevention of infectious or communicable disease, as necessary. (3) Cooperate with public health authorities in the investigation of cases and suspected cases, or outbreaks and suspected outbreaks of disease that may be associated with the child day care facility. (4) Child day care facilities shall establish and implement policies and procedures to maintain confidentiality related to medical information in their possession.

