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Rapid Telephonic Reporting System

The Alaska Division of Public Health has instituted a Rapid Telephonic Reporting System. Recently, most doctors and public health nurses throughout the State received a manual explaining the new system. The system will replace the card reporting system of reportable disease. Following is the list of reportable diseases:

<u>Common Diseases:</u>		<u>Rare Diseases:</u>	
Chickenpox	Meningitis	Botulism	Rabies
Encephalitis	Mumps	Cholera	Rheumatic Fever
Gonorrhea	Pertussis	Diphtheria	Smallpox
Hepatitis A (Infectious)	Rubella	Leprosy	Tetanus
Hepatitis B (Serum)	Syphilis	Malaria	Trichinosis
Measles (Rubeola)	Tuberculosis	Polio	Typhoid
		Plague	Yellow Fever

In addition, epidemic outbreaks or unusual numbers of cases of a communicable disease should also be reported. Diseases may be reported by dialing 279-5535 (Anchorage area). A tape recorder, which operates 24 hours a day, will record your report. For those outside the Anchorage area, simply call the long distance operator and ask for Zenith 1700. The operator will connect you to the recording machine in the Anchorage Office. This service is toll free.

The above phone recording system applies to all of Alaska with the exception of Southeast. Those in Southeast Alaska should communicate directly with the Regional Health Officer or local public health nurse.

Welcome

Dr. Thomas Bender has recently completed a Masters in Public Health (John Hopkins School of Public Health) and has returned to Anchorage to direct the Center for Disease Control, Alaska Activities. In addition, Dr. Michael Moser has also joined the staff at the Center for Disease Control, Alaska Activities. Alaska Activities Program has provided invaluable public health assistance to the people of Alaska and we welcome Drs. Bender and Moser.

Angiosarcoma of the Liver

The Center for Disease Control, Atlanta, Georgia, has asked all of angiosarcoma of the liver diagnosed in the coming several years to be reported to the State Department of Health. We would appreciate any physician, making this diagnosis in the coming three years, to please notify the Department of Health.