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## **DISEASE REPORTING REGULATIONS REVISED**

The Epidemiology Office is delighted to announce that revisions in reporting requirements for diseases of public health significance are soon to be finalized. The list of reportable diseases has been changed and new sections added to include reporting of diseases related to environmental exposure to toxic-hazardous material and diseases related to occupation.

We also are excited about the completion of a major project to computerize our records of reportable diseases. The new system will enable detailed epidemiologic analysis of disease reports. More than 68,000 records were back-loaded into the system and new reports will be entered in the future. Our ability to provide information about these diseases will be enhanced immeasurably by the new computerized system.

Currently we are preparing a new manual to describe in detail procedures for disease reporting. No major changes in current procedures will be necessary. We will still use the Rapid Telephonic Reporting System. We will still be encouraging all physicians and other health care providers to report to us the diseases listed below. Copies of the disease reporting manual will be mailed to all physicians and health care providers as soon as they become available. In the meantime any questions can be referred to the Epidemiology Office at 561-4406.

The following diseases are now required to be reported when suspected or diagnosed:

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)	Hepatitis (non-A, non-B)	Rubella
Amebiasis	Legionnaire's Disease	Rubeola
Anthrax	Leprosy	Salmonella
Botulism	Malaria	Shigella
Brucellosis	Meningitis (Viral & Bacterial)	Smallpox
Campylobacter	Mumps	Syphilis
Cholera	Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning	Tetanus
Diphtheria	Pertussis	Trichinosis
Echinococcus	Plague	Tuberculosis
Encephalitis	Poliomyelitis	Tularemia
Giardia	Psittacosis	Typhoid
Gonorrhea	Rabies	Yellow Fever
Hepatitis (A or B)	Reye's Syndrome	Yersinia
	Rheumatic Fever	

Epidemics or outbreaks of unusual number of cases of any infectious disease and severe reactions to any vaccine.

Diseases which are known or suspected to be related to environmental exposure to toxic-hazardous material.

Diseases which may possibly arise as a result of a worker's occupation. Diseases may be reported by dialing 561-4234 (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.

Disease reporting has resulted in identification of numerous outbreaks. Rapid investigation and institution of control measures has prevented morbidity and mortality among exposed susceptible individuals. We thank you for your past support. We count on your continued support and active involvement to report diseases of public health importance in the future.