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Epi-News 2008-2018 Index

Epi-News has been archived on the Washoe County Health District's (WCHD) website at <http://tinyurl.com/WashoeEpiNews> since 2008. For the convenience of Epi-News readers, we have compiled an index of the subjects addressed in the Epi-News during the past 11 years in a table format with links to respective issues. There are more than 40 subjects addressed in the Epi-News. The subjects varied from air quality and chronic diseases to various emerging infectious diseases and outbreaks. You can visit <https://www.washoecounty.us/health/files/ephp/epi-news/Epi-News%20Topic%20Index%202008-2018.pdf> to find a list of subjects and associated issues. WCHD is grateful to readers for their questions, suggestions, and excellent feedback during the past years. Your continued readership is highly appreciated. To sign up for the Epi-News distribution list, please send your email address to EpiCenter@washoecounty.us.

New: Reporting of Drug Overdoses by Nevada Law

In May of 2018 the Nevada State Board of Health approved final regulations to implement the provisions of Assembly Bill 474, the Controlled Substance Abuse Prevention Act. **The regulations lay out procedures for reporting cases or suspected cases of drug overdose to the Chief Medical Officer.** The final overdose reporting regulations, technical bulletin, overdose reporting form, and overdose reporting FAQ are available at http://dpbh.nv.gov/Resources/opioids/Prescription_Drug_Abuse_Prevention/.

All overdose reports should go the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health, not WCHD. All questions regarding overdose reporting should be directed to the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health.

Reporting of Communicable Diseases by Nevada Law

Nevada Administrative Code [\(NAC\) 441A.225 through NAC 441A.260](#) describes the duties of different personnel to report communicable diseases (CD). Such personnel include not only healthcare providers, directors of medical laboratories, and infection preventionists (IP) in medical facilities, but also public safety officers, directors of schools, daycares, correctional facilities, blood banks, and insurers. Should you have questions about your reporting

obligation, please contact the CD Program at 775-328-2447 or EpiCenter@washoecounty.us (do not email protected health information to this email address).

Reportable Disease List

Reporting of specific communicable diseases to Washoe County Health District (WCHD) is mandated by Nevada Administrative Code [\(NAC\) 441A.225 through NAC 441A.260](#). WCHD has developed a summary [Reportable Disease List](#) (attached) for your convenience. Note that not ALL communicable diseases are reportable. For example, sporadic norovirus or *Clostridium difficile* (C. diff) infections are not reportable in Nevada unless there is an outbreak or a suspected outbreak. It is important to check WCHD's webpage at <https://www.washoecounty.us/health/programs-and-services/communicable-diseases-and-epidemiology/disease-reporting.php> every year for any updates of reporting requirements for communicable diseases.

Reporting Forms

Reports of illness can be faxed to 775-328-3764 or called to our Communicable Disease Line at 775-328-2447. Please report using one of the three attached forms:

1. [Confidential Case Report](#) (CCR) for general communicable diseases
2. [STD Confidential Case Report](#) for sexually transmitted diseases (i.e., chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, and HIV)
3. [Animal Bite Report](#) to report an animal bite from a rabies susceptible species

It is highly recommended that you keep the four attachments to this issue close at hand in your office at all times. These forms have been updated so please take a moment to review and make sure that you and your staff are using the most current reporting forms. Please discard all old reporting forms and reportable disease lists.



The Washoe County Health District (WCHD) would like to thank healthcare providers in the community for their dedication to communicable disease reporting and cooperation for communicable disease investigations. Your continued support to the Communicable Disease Program at WCHD is highly appreciated. The dedicated and confidential reporting phone and fax numbers are 775-328-2447 (Phone) and 775-328-3764 (Fax).