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TO: Indiana Health Care Providers, Hospitals, and Laboratories
FROM: Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) Epidemiology Resource Center and ISDH Laboratories
RE: Notice of Revised Communicable Disease Reporting Rule

The revised *Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) Communicable Disease Reporting Rule for Physicians, Hospital and Laboratories* (410 IAC 1-2.5, which repeals 410 IAC 1-2.3) **becomes effective December 25, 2015**. A direct link to the complete 2015 Communicable Disease Reporting Rule can be found at the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) web site at <https://secure.in.gov/isdh/25366.htm>.

A list of major changes to the revised rule can also be found at the web address listed above. Since not all changes to the rule are listed in this table, it is strongly recommended that:

- Each person who is affected by the rule should review it in its entirety
- When initially investigating a specific disease/condition, review the disease-specific section closely for new or changed requirements and interventions

Important components of the rule that remain unchanged include:

- Physicians and hospitals must report cases within required time frames. Conditions that are reportable immediately, even upon suspicion, are those that cause severe disease, transmit easily from person to person, or require a public health intervention (e.g., antibiotic prophylaxis or vaccination). Other conditions must be reported within 24 or 72 hours, as specified in Section 75 of the rule (410 IAC 1-2.5-75)
- Laboratories must report evidence of infections to ISDH within required time frames (immediately, within 24 hours, within 72 hours, or within 5 business days) and submit all isolates of 12 organisms within 3 business days, as specified in Section 76 of the rule (410 IAC 1-2.5-76).
- ***Prior approval from a patient is not required before releasing medical or epidemiological information to the local or state health department.***
- The Confidential Report of Communicable Diseases form (State Form 43823, found at <https://secure.in.gov/isdh/25366.htm>) and the electronic Indiana National Electronic Disease Surveillance System (INEDSS) form will be updated with the revised list of communicable diseases and conditions.
- The process for local health departments, hospitals and other agencies using INEDSS as their investigational tool has not changed.

The quick-reference list of reportable communicable diseases, conditions and reportable laboratory results is found on the ISDH web site at <https://secure.in.gov/isdh/25366.htm>.

For more information, contact the ISDH Epidemiology Resource Center at 317-233-7125.