

# State of Iowa Department of Corrections

## Policy and Procedures

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Iowa Code Reference: Chapter 139

Chapter 6: Health Services

Sub Chapter: Infection Control

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Subject: Diseases Reportable to the Iowa Department of Public Health

ACA Standards: 5-ACI-6A-12

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### 1. PURPOSE

To establish procedures for reporting emergency communicable disease along with specific common and rare disease entities.

### 2. POLICY

It is the policy of the Iowa Department of Corrections (IDOC) to provide staff with instructions on how to report those infectious or selected diseases as defined by **Iowa Code Chapter 139** to the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the Iowa Administrative Code [641] Chapter 1.

### 3. DEFINITIONS - See IDOC Policy AD-GA-16 for Definitions.

### 4. PROCEDURE

- A. Reporting of cases of infectious diseases and related conditions has been and remains a vital step in controlling and preventing the spread of communicable disease. The IDPH requires notification of specific diseases as identified in **Chapter 139 of the Code of Iowa**.

- B. Disease reporting forms are obtained from the IDPH, Division of Disease Prevention, 321 East 12<sup>th</sup> Street, c/o Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50309-9968. Telephone 1-800-362-2736. Website address is: Disease Reporting Card.
- C. Other Reportable Diseases:  
Physicians are encouraged to report any other disease or condition which is unusual in incidence, occurs in unusual numbers or circumstances, or appears to be of public health concern (such as epidemic diarrhea of the newborn in nurseries, or a food poisoning episode), including outbreaks of suspected environmental or occupational illness.
- D. Reference  
The IDPH along with the Center of Acute Disease Epidemiology (CADE) has put together a "Guide to Surveillance, Investigation, and Reporting Manual" referred to as the "EPI Manual". This manual can be used as a reference for all health care professionals at the time of a suspected case, a particular disease or condition, or at the time of an outbreak of a communicable disease to institute public health prevention and control measures. This manual and the disease specific fact sheets can be found on the IDPH website:  
Disease Reporting Card.