



Guidance for Reportable Conditions

Information provided by the Health Consultant Team at Child Care Aware® of North Dakota

The intent of North Dakota Administrative Code 23-07-02 is to require persons who are aware of a reportable condition to report that condition. This chapter does not require that childcare providers diagnose children or to make reports of suspected cases.

Childcare providers should report to the North Dakota Department of health any of the diseases listed on the reportable disease when a child's parent or guardian reports to the child care provider that the child has been diagnosed by a physician with a reportable condition.

In addition, childcare providers should report any of the following:

1. Clusters or outbreaks of illness occurring in their facility including but not limited to illness due to or with:
 - a. Chickenpox
 - b. Diarrhea
 - c. Vomiting
 - d. Fever and rash
 - e. Meningitis (report any case)

For the purposes of reporting, a cluster or outbreak of illness is defined as two or more cases of illness occurring in a single childcare facility within a five day period.

Providers are encouraged to call their local childcare nurse health consultants, their local public health department or the North Dakota Department of Health if they have questions about disease reporting. To report a reportable condition, please call 701.328.2378 or 800.472.2180.

North Dakota Century Code 23-07-02. Who to report reportable conditions

Except as otherwise provided by section 23-07-02.1, the following persons or their designees shall report to the state department of health any reportable disease coming to their knowledge:

1. All health care providers, including physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses, dentists, medical examiners or coroners, pharmacists,
2. Emergency medical service providers, and local health officers.
3. The director, principal manager, or chief executive officer of:
 - a. Health care institutions, including hospitals, medical centers, clinics, long-term care facilities, assisted living facilities, or other institutional facilities;
 - b. Medical or diagnostic laboratories;
 - c. Blood bank collection or storage centers;
 - d. Public and private elementary and secondary schools;
 - e. Public and private universities and colleges;
 - f. Health or correctional institutions operated or regulated by municipal, county or multicounty, state, or federal governments;
 - g. Funeral establishments and mortuaries; and
 - h. Child care facilities or camps.
4. The state veterinarian, if the disease may be transmitted directly or indirectly to or between humans and animals.

A person having knowledge that a person or persons are suspected of having a reportable disease may notify the department and provide all information known to the person reporting concerning the reportable disease or condition of the person or persons.

If the person reporting is the attending physician or the physician's designee, the physician or the physician's designee shall report not less than twice a week, in the form and manner directed by the state department of health, the condition of the person afflicted and the state of the disease.

A person making a report in good faith is immune from liability for any damages which may be caused by that act.