

Reporting Requirements for Diseases and Conditions in Kentucky

This document provides a brief summary of Kentucky's reportable diseases, conditions, and abuse and provides guidance to IRB members and researchers.

Reporting Diseases and Conditions:

A detailed description of Kentucky reporting requirements and reportable diseases/conditions is available at [902 KAR 2:020](#) and [KRS 258.065](#). Both are available at the following websites: Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS) <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/statutes/> and Kentucky Administrative Regulations (KAR) <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/KAR/frntpage.htm>.

Summary of the Regulation: 902 KAR 2:020 require health professionals to report any of the conditions/diseases listed below to the local health department in which the patient/subject resides OR to the Department for Public Health.

Some of the most common reportable diseases/conditions and time requirements are listed below:

Report Within 12 Hours: All animal bites

Report Within 24 Hours:

- Anthrax
- Botulism
- Diphtheria Hepatitis A, acute
- Measles
- Meningococcal infections
- Novel influenza A virus infections
- Rabies, animal or human
- Rubella
- Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome-associated Coronavirus (SARS-CoV) disease
- Smallpox
- Varicella (chickenpox)
- Viral hemorrhagic fevers
- Yellow fever

Report Within One (1) Business Day:

- Arboviral diseases, neuroinvasive and non-neuroinvasive
- Zika virus disease or infection
- Carbon monoxide poisoning
- Cholera
- Dengue virus infections
- Escherichia coli O157:H7
- Foodborne disease outbreak
- Hansen's disease (leprosy)
- Hantavirus infection
- Hepatitis B, acute, infection in a pregnant woman; an infant or a child aged five (5) years or less, or newborns born to Hepatitis B positive mothers at the time of delivery
- Influenza-associated mortality
- Listeriosis
- Mumps
- Norovirus outbreak
- Pertussis
- Pesticide-related illness, acute
- Rubella, congenital syndrome;
- Salmonellosis
- Streptococcus pneumoniae, invasive disease
- Tetanus
- Toxic-shock syndrome
- Tuberculosis
- Typhoid fever
- Waterborne disease outbreak.

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Report Within Five (5) Business Days

- Hepatitis C, acute, infection in a pregnant woman, infection in an infant or a child aged five (5) years or less, or newborns born to Hepatitis C positive mothers at the time of delivery
- Histoplasmosis
- Lead poisoning
- Lyme Disease
- Malaria
- Spotted Fever Rickettsiosis (Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever)
- Toxoplasmosis
- Trichinellosis (Trichinosis)

*Beginning October 1, 2016, notification of the following diseases shall be considered routine and shall be electronically reported to the Kentucky Department for Public Health through the Kentucky Health Information Exchange within **five (5) business days**:

- Cyclosporiasis
- Giardiasis
- Hepatitis B laboratory test results whether reported as positive or negative:
 - Include the serum bilirubin levels taken within ten (10) days of the test of a patient who has tested positive; or
 - Include the serum alanine aminotransferase levels taken within ten (10) days of the test of a patient who tested positive.
- Hepatitis C laboratory test results whether reported as positive or negative:
 - Include the serum bilirubin levels taken within ten (10) days of the test of a patient who has tested positive; or
 - Include the serum alanine aminotransferase levels taken within ten (10) days of the test of a patient who tested positive.
- Varicella laboratory test results reported as positive for:
 - Isolation of varicella virus from a clinical specimen;
 - Varicella antigen detected by direct fluorescent antibody test;
 - Varicella-specific nucleic acid detected by polymerase chain reaction (PCR); or
 - A significant rise in serum anti-varicella immunoglobulin G (IgG) antibody level by a standard serologic assay.

Guidance for Health Professional Researchers & IRB Members:

1. If the research includes a test for any of the items listed above, the consent form must include the subject's full name, address, phone number and applicable disease/condition will be reported to state health authorities.
2. If during the research project, the testing determines that a subject has any of the diseases/conditions listed above (except HIV, AIDS and animal bites), the researcher should complete the Kentucky Reportable Disease Form and submit the form to the address listed in the form. The Kentucky Reportable Disease Form is available from the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) Provider Resources webpage: <http://chfs.ky.gov/providers/>
3. Researchers should contact [Kentucky's HIV/AIDS Branch](#) at 502-564-6539 to obtain an HIV/AIDS reporting forms (if applicable to study).
4. Researchers should report all animal bites to the local health department (if applicable to study).

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Mandatory Reporting of child/elder abuse:

The Kentucky law states that it is the duty of everyone who has reasonable cause to believe that a child is dependent, abused or neglected to report this information.

Reporting Child/adult abuse, neglect or exploitation:

Contacts <http://chfs.ky.gov/contact/>

Guidebook <https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dfrcvs/dfrysc/Documents/Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect Booklet.doc>

If you suspect elder abuse, you are legally required to report it. You can report abuse at the 24-hour toll free hotlines at 1-877-597-2331 or 1-800-752-6200. Calls can be made anonymously.

Guidance for Health Professional Researchers & IRB Members: The Informed Consent Template contains language regarding the requirement to report child abuse.

Contacts for Additional Information:

If you have research questions, contact: Joe Brown, Research Privacy Specialist, at (859) 257-9084 or jrbrow3@email.uky.edu.

If you have any questions regarding Kentucky reporting requirements, contact: Kentucky's Public Health department in Frankfort at (502)-654-3418 or 1-888-9REPORT.

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