

HURON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE NEWSLETTER



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To Speak to a CD nurse call 989-269-9721 ext 163
The voicemail is confidential and only answered by
our CD Nurses



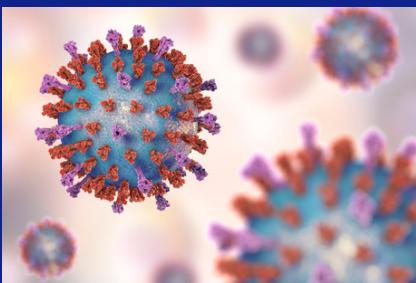
Link to some interesting bat information

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/MIDNR/bulletins/4059f2a>

Read More on our website

Reportable conditions

The state of Michigan require the health department follow up on many different illnesses. These illnesses are considered to be high risk and/or preventable. This could mean we are contacting providers, patients contacts. Confidentiality is always maintained as we complete these investigations. These investigations help us to monitor the health of our community and prevent potential outbreaks.



If there are any questions or concerns whether something should be reported contact the Health Department. We are happy to help.

Many labs have things set up to automatically transmit lab reports to the state system so we see them

Resources

Link to the 2026 document

https://www.michigan.gov/-/media/Project/Websites/mdhhs/Folder2/Folder97/Folder1/Folder197/Reportable_Diseases_Michigan_by_Condition.pdf?rev=2675c95cf938417ebad8a6398b681a8a

Link to the changes made

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2026 REPORTABLE DISEASES IN MICHIGAN – BY CONDITION

A Guide for Physicians, Health Care Providers and Laboratories

Report the following conditions to the Michigan Disease Surveillance System (MDSS) or local health department (see page 2) within 24 hours if the agent is identified by clinical or laboratory diagnosis. See footnotes for exceptions and details.

Report the unusual occurrence, outbreak or epidemic of any disease or condition, including healthcare-associated infections.

Acute flaccid myelitis (1)
 Anaplasmosis (*Anaplasma phagocytophilum*)
Anthrax (*Bacillus anthracis*) and other anthrax toxin-producing *Bacillus species* (4)
 Arboviral encephalitides, neuro- and non-neuroinvasive: California serogroup, Chikungunya, **Eastern Equine**, Jamestown Canyon, La Crosse, Oropouche, Powassan, St. Louis, West Nile, Western Equine, Zika (6)
 Babesiosis (*Babesia microti*)
 Blastomycosis (*Blastomyces dermatitidis*)
Botulism (*Clostridium botulinum*) (4)
 Brucellosis (*Brucella abortus*, *melitensis*, *suis*, and *canis*) (4)
 Campylobacteriosis (*Campylobacter species*)
 Candidiasis (*Candida auris*) – report all positives (4) and negative screening results (7)
 Carbapenemase-Producing Organisms (CPO) (4)
 Chancroid (*Haemophilus ducreyi*)
 Chickenpox / Varicella (*Varicella-zoster virus*) (6)
 Chlamydial infections (all sites: genital, rectal, and pharyngeal, Trachoma, Lymphogranuloma venereum (LGV)) (*Chlamydia trachomatis*) (3, 6)
 Cholera (*Vibrio cholerae*) (4)
 Coccidioidomycosis (*Coccidioides species*)
 Coronaviruses, Novel (SARS, MERS-CoV) (5)
 COVID-19; including SARS-CoV-2 variant identification (7)
 COVID-19 pediatric mortality (< 18 years of age)
 Cronobacter sakazakii, sterile sites from infants < 1 year of age (4)
 Cryptosporidiosis (*Cryptosporidium species*)
 Cyclosporiasis (*Cyclospora species*) (5)
 Dengue Fever (Dengue virus)
 Diphtheria (*Corynebacterium diphtheriae*) (5)
 Ehrlichiosis (*Ehrlichia species*)
 Encephalitis, viral or unspecified
Escherichia coli, O157:H7 and all other Shiga toxin positive serotypes (5)
 Giardiasis (*Giardia species*)
Glanders (*Burkholderia mallei*) (4)
 Gonorrhea (*Neisseria gonorrhoeae*) (3, 4), isolates from sterile sites only, 6
 Guillain-Barré Syndrome (1)
Haemophilus influenzae, sterile sites (5, submit isolates for serotyping for patients <15 years of age)
 Hantavirus
 Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (HUS)
Hemorrhagic Fever Viruses (4)
 Hepatitis A virus (IgM anti-HAV, HAV genotype)
 Hepatitis B virus (HBsAg, HBeAg, IgM anti-HBc, total anti-HBc, HBV NAAT, HBV genotype; report all HBsAg and anti-HBs (positive, negative, indeterminate) for children ≤ 5 years of age) (6)
 Hepatitis C virus (all antibody, RNA, and genotype HCV test results, report positives (6) and negatives (7))
 Histoplasmosis (*Histoplasma capsulatum*)
 HIV tests including: reactive immunoassays including all analytes (e.g., Ab/Ag, TD1/TD2, WB, EIA, IA, Rapids), detection tests (e.g., VL, NAAT, p24, genotypes), CD4 counts/percent, and all tests related to perinatal exposures) (2, 6)
 Influenza virus (individual reports (7) or weekly aggregate counts)
 Influenza novel viruses (5, 6)
 Influenza pediatric mortality (< 18 years of age) (5)
 Kawasaki Disease (1)
 Legionellosis (*Legionella species*) (5)
 Leprosy or Hansen's Disease (*Mycobacterium leprae*)
 Leptospirosis (*Leptospira species*) (5, 6)
 Listeriosis (*Listeria monocytogenes*) (5, 6)

Footnotes

- (1) Reporting within 3 days is required.
- (2) Report HIV labs electronically by arrangement & case reports by MDHHS Form 1355. Report HIV genome sequence data only as Sanger sequences, or as consensus sequences for next generation sequencing.
- (3) Sexually transmitted infection for which expedited partner therapy is authorized. See www.michigan.gov/epst for details.
- (4) A laboratory shall immediately notify and submit suspect or confirmed isolates, subcultures, or specimens from the patient being tested to the MDHHS Laboratory.
- (5) Specimen and/or isolate requested. *Enteric*: If an isolate is not available from non-culture based testing, the positive broth and/or stool in transport medium must be submitted to the MDHHS Laboratory. *Respiratory*: Submit specimens, if available.
- (6) Report pregnancy status.
- (7) Reportable via electronic messages only.

Blue Bold Text = Lab Response Network or Select Agent pathogens must be notified immediately to the MDHHS Laboratory (517-335-8063)

This reporting is expressly allowed under HIPAA and required by Michigan Public Act 368 of 1978, 333.5111 REV. 1/2026
 MDHHS maintains, reviews, and revises this list at least annually, for the most recent version please refer to: www.michigan.gov/cdinfo
 Michigan Department of Health and Human Services • Bureau of Laboratories • Bureau of Infectious Disease Prevention • Bureau of HIV & STI Programs

It is the time of year where the roads are slick and the weather is cold.

Respiratory Virus are making their rounds.



Respiratory Virus Guidance

WAYS TO STAY HEALTHY

Get Immunizations

Clean Hands and Cover Coughs

Take Steps for Cleaner Air

Layering prevention strategies can be especially helpful when:

- Respiratory viruses are causing a lot of illness in your community.
- You or those around you have risk factors for severe illness.
- You or those around you were recently exposed, are sick, or are recovering.

IF YOU BECOME ILL

Stay Home When Sick

Get Tested

Seek Treatment

Wear a Mask

Stay home and away from others until:

→ Your symptoms are getting better.

You are fever-free (without meds).

Then take added precautions **for the next 5 days** such as wearing a mask and washing hands frequently.

This information was provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



The Health Department offers vaccines for the three major respiratory illnesses: Flu, Covid, & RSV

Call our immunization program with any questions.

Link for more information in relation to Long Term Care



https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/-/media/Project/Websites/mdhhs/Folder1/CD_Info/A-Z/Influenza_LTC_Outbreak_GuideLines.pdf



Click to find more information

Illnesses seen Quarter 1

Oct/ Nov/ Dec

Communicable Disease Report		2023	2024	2025
Total Cases Investigated		949	603	618
Total Foodborne Cases Investigated		3	5	4
Cases seen this quarter	Cryptosporidiosis	2	0	1
	Campylobacter	0	3	2
Total sexually transmitted diseases		15	10	9
Cases seen this quarter	Gonorrhea	1	1	1
	Chlamydia	13	8	7
Total Rabies Cases Investigated		16	17	21
Total Respiratory Cases		334	326	486
Cases seen this quarter	Latent TB infections	2	3	4
	Covid	410	73	119
	Influenza- lab confirmed*	24	9	52
	Flu like illness*	647	563	293
Total Vaccine Preventable Cases Investigated		4	1	3
Cases seen this quarter	Pertussis	1	0	2
	H Influenzae- inv	1	0	1

*Due to different state reporting guidelines not all influenza cases are reported individually, most are only reported as an aggregate number under flu like illness. Pediatric deaths, severe illnesses, or novel flu viruses are required to be reported individually.

Upcoming Clinics and Events

Immunizations

• (989) 269-9723

Hours: Monday - Friday: 8 AM - 12 PM and 12:30 PM - 4 PM

Appointments: Call to schedule (Walk-ins accepted if a nurse is available)

Late Clinics: 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month from 11am-7pm

August/Sept/Oct/Nov/Dec

10am-6pm

Jan-July

Please Note: A parent or legal guardian must be present with a child under 18 years old. Legal guardians must bring proof of guardianship.

2026 SEBEWAING IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

Friday, February 27th

Friday, April 24th

Friday, June 26th

Friday, August 28th

Friday, October 23rd

Personal Health Services

📞 (989) 269-9721 ext. 162

Appointments with Nurse Practitioner available on:

1st Friday of the month from 8:00am-4:00pm (closed 12:00-12:30 for lunch)

3rd Thursday of the month from 10:00am-6:00pm

Birth Control Supplies & STI testing available various days each month.

See calendar for those upcoming dates.

Appointments preferred but walk-ins accepted (schedule permitting)

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

📞 (989) 269-3301

By Appointment on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday

Late Clinic by Appointment: 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month until 6 PM

Outreach Clinics available in Harbor Beach & Sebewaing. See schedule below

See website for calendars

HCHD.us

**Late clinics are closed from 1-1:30 for
lunch**