

## WHY REPORT?

- To determine the extent of morbidity within the community
- To evaluate risks of transmission
- To allow Public Health intervention
- To facilitate surveillance, prevention and outbreak control

*Delay or failure to report communicable diseases and conditions has contributed to serious consequences in the past and is a misdemeanor for physicians, punishable by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$2,500, or by imprisonment for a term of not more than 90 days, or by both. Each day the violation is continued is a separate offense.*

## WHO SHOULD REPORT?

- Medical doctors, osteopaths, podiatrists, veterinarians, dentists, chiropractors, oriental medicine practitioners
- Nurse practitioners, nurses, nurse mid-wives, physician assistants
- Infection control professionals
- Clinical and reference laboratories, medical examiners, coroners
- Health facility administrators
- Clinics, schools, and universities.
- Any other healthcare providers and/or school administrators.

## WHAT TO REPORT

- Immediately report any outbreak or unusual incidence of infectious disease or infestation to the local health department
- A single case of a communicable disease long absent from a population, or the first occurrence of a disease not previously recognized, requires immediate reporting and epidemiologic investigation
- Any rare disease, or a newly apparent or emerging disease, or syndrome of uncertain etiology, which a healthcare provider has reason to believe could be caused by an infectious agent or microbial toxin
- Any case or suspected case identified on the *Reportable Diseases and Conditions* list available for print-outs at:

[publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/cdrs.htm](http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/cdrs.htm)

## HOW TO REPORT DISEASES

The *Reportable Diseases and Conditions* list and *Confidential Morbidity Report* form (both suitable for reproduction) are available from the Morbidity Central Reporting Unit by telephone, **888-397-3993**, or online:

[publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/cdrs.htm](http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/cdrs.htm)

For medical consultation, telephone ACDC professional staff at (213) 240-7941.

## HOW AND WHERE TO REPORT OTHER COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

### HIV/AIDS

Human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) cases are to be reported to the **HIV Epidemiology Program**. To request reporting forms or to report cases, call **213-351-8516**, or go online: [publichealth.lacounty.gov/hiv](http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/hiv)

### SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES (STD)

The following diseases and syndromes are to be reported to the **STD Program**:

- Genital chlamydial infections, including LGV
- Syphilis (all stages)
- Gonorrhea
- Chancroid
- Pelvic inflammatory disease (PID)

To request STD reporting forms by telephone, call the STD Program at **213-744-3070**, or go online: [publichealth.lacounty.gov/std](http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/std)

### TUBERCULOSIS (TB)

Tuberculosis cases and suspected cases are to be reported to the **Tuberculosis Control Program**. To request reporting forms or to report by telephone, call the TB Program at **213-744-6271**, or go online:

[publichealth.lacounty.gov/tb](http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/tb)

## Acute Communicable Disease Control Program and Professionals in Healthcare and Other Institutions

# ACDC AND YOU



*“To prevent and control communicable disease in Los Angeles County utilizing the tools of surveillance, outbreak response, education, and preparedness activities.”*

ACDC Program Mission Statement

## YOUR ACDC PROGRAM

Main phone: 213-240-7941

After hours: 213-974-1234

Email: [acd2@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:acd2@ph.lacounty.gov)

Online: [publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd](http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd)



## COLLABORATION: CONTROL DISEASE

The **Acute Communicable Disease Control (ACDC) Program** is a part of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. Our mission is to prevent and control communicable disease in Los Angeles County (LAC) utilizing the tools of surveillance, outbreak response, education and preparedness activities.

**California Code of Regulations**, Title 17, Sections 2500 and 2505), mandate healthcare providers, public or private school directors, and others to report over 85 specific diseases or conditions to **the local health department**. Lab directors are also mandated to report test results of selected communicable diseases.

**ACDC is your local health department**. Delay or failure to report communicable diseases can

contribute to serious consequences. *The confidentiality of patient information is always protected*. Complete lists of reportable diseases and laboratory tests are available online at [publichealth.lacounty.gov/acdc/cdrs.htm](http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acdc/cdrs.htm).

## DISEASE REPORTING & CONSULTING

**ACDC serves as the lead** for the surveillance and investigation of suspected and confirmed communicable disease cases and outbreaks (*other than TB, STDs, and HIV/AIDS*). Control of communicable diseases in LAC can only occur through collaboration between healthcare providers and others in the public and private sectors, ACDC and other health departments. **ACDC** examines the distribution of disease in the population, specifically in relation to geographic, temporal, demographic and behavioral risk factors. ACDC also sets policy and provides guidance and assistance to field staff who handle the bulk of case investigations.

**ACDC team members** consult with other Public Health professionals—area health officers, public health nurses, registrars, epidemiologists, laboratorians, and environmental health specialists based in 24 districts and 8 service planning areas throughout LAC.

## ACDC team members are physicians, nurses,

epidemiologists, health educators, and others who provide expert consultation and policy recommendations on communicable disease control, and offer in-service training for healthcare professionals and selected community-based organizations in LAC.

## ACDC and YOU—PROFESSIONALS IN HEALTHCARE and OTHER INSTITUTIONS

**Surveillance**  
ACDC team members work with you to decrease morbidity from acute communicable diseases through surveillance to detect outbreaks and monitor trends. Your timely and accurate reporting of reportable illnesses and unusual cases is essential for effective, timely Public Health intervention with:

- Food-borne illnesses
- Water-borne illnesses
- Vector-borne diseases
- Zoonotic diseases (e.g. West Nile virus)
- Hospital infections
- Blood-borne pathogens
- Antimicrobial resistance diseases
- Vaccine-preventable diseases

## Outbreak Response

ACDC team members provide consultation and assistance on situation and outbreak investigations in healthcare and non-healthcare settings in LAC. We collaborate with the California Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as needed.

## Education & Community Outreach

ACDC team members provide health education and training to other healthcare and non-healthcare professionals in

- Hospitals
- Skilled Nursing Facilities
- Schools
- Non-profit Organizations
- Community Organizations

## Preparedness

ACDC maintains internet-based disease reporting systems for providers and laboratories. Further, ACDC enhances preparedness and response efforts among healthcare and non-healthcare institutions in LAC, e.g. hospitals and schools, through strengthened communications, collaboration, and consolidation of resources, including but not limited to:

- Consequential epidemiology (application of research to improve health outcomes)
- Bioterrorism performance measures
- Strategic planning drills
- Communicable disease annual reports
- Health education presentations and publications

## REPORTING TO AND CONSULTING WITH ACDC

To report a case or outbreak of any disease or reportable conditions, contact:

**Communicable Disease Reporting Hotline**  
**Phone (888) 397-3993, or Fax (888) 397-3778**

For diseases that require medical consultation, call:

**ACDC (213) 240-7941**  
*After hours, call (213) 974-1234*

**Acute Communicable Disease Control Program**  
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For additional **ACDC reports, services, and publications**, e.g. current disease rates in your community, education materials on communicable diseases, visit our website (above).

For additional public health resources and materials including *The Public's Health* (a monthly newsletter for health professionals) please visit online at: [publichealth.lacounty.gov/profess.htm](http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/profess.htm)