



Reporting Infectious Diseases

School and Child Care Requirements and Responsibilities

Reporting Illness Prevents the Spread of Disease

Many contagious diseases can cause severe illness or death, especially in the very young, the very old, or the immune compromised. In order to protect the health of the community, some of these conditions are required to be reported to Public Health so that we can monitor, investigate, and recommend actions to stop or slow the spread of the disease in the community.

Personal Details Help Reduce the Spread of Disease

When a suspected or confirmed case is reported, Public Health gathers information such as name, date of birth, address, symptoms, lab results, and physician information in order to:

- Assist health care providers with treatment options, if necessary
- Identify others who may be ill so they can receive proper treatment, if needed
- Identify others who may be ill in order to control and prevent further spread of disease
- Identify the source of the outbreak to prevent illness in the future

Information is Kept Strictly Confidential

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) allows information to be disclosed to public health departments for the purpose of preventing or controlling disease. In addition, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) allows information to be disclosed to public health departments in certain health and safety emergencies, including urgent reportable diseases.

Public Health follows strict confidentiality laws, and implements strict policies and procedures to ensure the individual's information is protected. Public Health will never publicly disclose any personal identifying information related to disease control investigations.

Please Report Cases of Disease to Boulder County Public Health at 303-413-7500

Schools, child care providers, medical providers, laboratories, and long term care facilities are required by Colorado law to report these illnesses. Below is a table of diseases that are likely to be seen in individual students within schools and child care facilities. A more comprehensive list of diseases that must be reported can be found at www.BoulderCountyDiseaseControl.org.

Diseases to Report Urgently	Diseases to Report Within 7 days
Meningitis	Chickenpox
Hepatitis A	Mumps
Tuberculosis	E.Coli
Pertussis	Shigella
Measles	Salmonella
Animal bites from a wild animal	Campylobacter
Outbreaks of any disease : two or more persons ill with similar symptoms within a similar time in a school or child care center	Animal bites from a domestic animal (dog, cat)