

Notifiable conditions in Victoria

Medical practitioners are required by law to notify the Department of Health and Human Services if they believe a patient has, or may have, one of the following conditions:

Phone 1300 651 160

Group A conditions require immediate notification by TELEPHONE upon clinical suspicion or initial diagnosis (presumptive or confirmed), followed by WRITTEN notification within five days.

- Anthrax
- Botulism
- Chikungunya virus infection
- Cholera
- Diphtheria
- Food or water borne illness (2 or more related cases)
- Haemolytic uraemic syndrome (HUS)
- Haemophilus influenzae type b infection (Hib) (epiglottitis, meningitis and other invasive infections)
- Hepatitis A
- Japanese encephalitis
- Legionellosis
- Measles
- Meningococcal infection (invasive)
- Middle East Respiratory Syndrome coronavirus (MERS CoV)
- Murray Valley encephalitis virus
- Paratyphoid
- Plague
- Poliovirus infection
- Rabies
- Severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS)
- Smallpox
- Tularaemia
- Typhoid
- Viral haemorrhagic fevers
- Yellow fever

Group B conditions require WRITTEN notification upon initial diagnosis within five days.

- Arbovirus infection – other
- Barmah Forest virus infection
- Brucellosis
- Campylobacteriosis
- Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (classical/variant)
- Cryptosporidiosis
- Dengue virus infection
- Hepatitis B (newly acquired/ unspecified)
- Hepatitis C (newly acquired/ unspecified)
- Hepatitis D
- Hepatitis E
- Hepatitis viral (not further specified)
- Influenza (laboratory confirmed) (types A and B)
- Kunjin virus infection
- Lead (blood lead > 5 µg/dL)
- Leprosy
- Leptospirosis
- Listeriosis
- Lyssavirus (incl. Australian bat lyssavirus)
- Malaria
- Mumps
- Mycobacterium ulcerans
- Pertussis
- Pneumococcal infection (invasive)
- Psittacosis (ornithosis)
- Q fever
- Ross River virus infection
- Rubella (incl. congenital rubella syndrome)
- Salmonellosis
- Shigatoxin and verotoxin producing Esherichia coli (STEC/VTEC)
- Shigellosis
- Tetanus
- Tuberculosis (pulmonary/ extrapulmonary)
- Varicella (chickenpox/herpes zoster [shingles])

Group C conditions are sexually transmitted infections. They only require WRITTEN notification within five days of initial diagnosis.

To preclude identification of the patient, only the first two letters of the family and given name of the patient are required along with other prescribed details.

- Chlamydia trachomatis infection
- Donovanosis
- Gonococcal infection
- Syphilis (including congenital)

Group D conditions are HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) and AIDS (Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome). They only require WRITTEN notification within five days of initial diagnosis. A separate form is used for this purpose, which is forwarded to the diagnosing medical practitioner with the laboratory confirmation of HIV infection.

Further information

Phone 1300 651 160

Disease information, surveillance data and links to public health alerts can be found at www.health.vic.gov.au/notify

Notifying is easy

Group A conditions

1. Phone 1300 651 160 (local call), and
2. Send notification form via
 - fax 1300 651 170 (local call) or
 - post to Reply Paid 65937 Melbourne VIC 8060 or
 - online at www.health.vic.gov.au/notify

Group B, C and D conditions

1. Send notification form via
 - fax 1300 651 170 (local call) or
 - post to Reply Paid 65937 Melbourne VIC 8060 or
 - online at www.health.vic.gov.au/notify

You can order notification forms and reply paid envelopes, or download notification forms, online at www.health.vic.gov.au/notify