

HEALTH ALERT

September 19, 2025

Updates to Ohio Administrative Code

This alert is to notify providers, facilities, and laboratories of amendments, additions, and deletions to the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) per the Ohio Department of Health (ODH). Updates to the OAC rules will become effective on **October 1, 2025**. A summary of key updates per ODH for communicable disease reporting are summarized below.

Ohio Administrative Code Changes

OAC 3701-3-02

The following conditions are newly specified as Class A reportable conditions and should be reported immediately via telephone:

- Infant and wound botulism, in addition to foodborne botulism
- Free-living amoeba infection
- Tularemia, inhalation

The following conditions were added as Class B conditions and should be reported by the end of the next business day:

- Carbapenemase-producing organisms (replacing carbapenemase-producing carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae, CP-CRE)
- Cholera
- *Cronobacter*, invasive infection in infants less than 12 months of age
- Melioidosis
- Mpox
- Latent tuberculosis (TB) infection in a child 2 years of age or younger
- Tularemia, non-inhalation

The following conditions were removed as reportable conditions:

- Amebiasis
- Aseptic meningitis

OAC 3701-3-04

This rule requires submission of isolates and patient specimens that were previously solicited under ODH's "Request for Bacterial Isolates or Patient Specimens." Note: sending isolates does not constitute a report of the positive findings.

OAC 3701-3-07

This rule requires syndromic surveillance reporting from emergency departments (EDs).

- EDs that submit data to ODH electronically will be considered "in compliance" with the syndromic surveillance portion of the rule. ODH has contracted with Health Monitoring Systems, Inc. (HMS) to collect syndromic surveillance data in Ohio.

- Delaware Public Health District will continue to access syndromic surveillance data through the EpiCenter system which is managed by HMS.

The following health conditions were moved from 3701-3-02 to 3701-3-07 and are still reportable by the end of the next business day as Class B conditions:

- Hemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS)
- Influenza-associated hospitalization
- Influenza-associated pediatric mortality
- Toxic shock syndrome

The following health conditions were added and should be reported by the end of the next business day as Class B conditions:

- Acute flaccid myelitis (AFM)
- Hospitalizations of:
 - Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)
 - Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)

Reporting

Reports should be made to the Delaware Public Health District when the patient is a Delaware County resident or the local health department in which a patient resides. If patient residence is unknown, report to the local health department in which the reporting healthcare provider or laboratory is located.

The ODH is working closely with CliniSync, the state's Health Information Exchange, to facilitate reporting of influenza, COVID-19, and RSV hospitalizations. CliniSync will be submitting reports to ODH unless a hospital opts out of relying on CliniSync. If a hospital opts out, it is required to manually report to the Delaware Public Health District.

For More Information

Changes to the Ohio Administrative Code are necessary to update our reportable diseases and conditions list in accordance with current science and national surveillance policy.

- For questions on reporting through [electronic laboratory reporting](#), contact the ODH Office of Informatics, Data, Epidemiology, and Analytics (IDEA) at ELR@odh.ohio.gov.
- Syndromic surveillance questions can be directed to the ODH IDEA at SMED@odh.ohio.gov.
- Please visit ODH's [Shipping Resources](#) and [ELIMS](#) webpages for information on submitting isolates and patient specimens to the ODH Laboratory.
- An updated version of "Know Your ABCs: A Quick Guide to Reportable Infectious Disease in Ohio" can be found [here](#).
- For general questions please contact the Delaware Public Health District at 740-368-1700.