



Department of Public Health



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RE: Report of Notifiable Conditions to Local Health Authority

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This letter serves as an official notification of the requirement to report communicable diseases to the Local Health Authority under Texas Law (TX Health & Safety §81.042; TX Admin Code §97.2(e)). A comprehensive list of communicable diseases to be reported by law can be found at the City of El Paso Department of Public Health website under [Notifiable Conditions](#). Failure to report a notifiable condition is a Class B misdemeanor under the TX Health & Safety §81.049.

The Local Health Authority may request information, records, data, and other information necessary for the epidemiological investigation of communicable diseases, outbreaks or other special circumstances. Persons and/or facilities shall provide all information requested that is the minimum necessary to properly conduct such investigation according to the TX Health & Safety §81.061 and the TX Admin Code §97.8 (1). Please rest assured that all information received by the Local Health Authority shall be kept confidential and it is not a public record under the TX Admin Code §97.10 (a). Furthermore, the information provided cannot be released to anyone and the database is not accessible to anyone who is not part of the investigation under any circumstances.

The Local Health Authority is tasked with administering the state and local laws related to public health within its jurisdiction under the TX Health & Safety §121.021. Under Texas law, public or private facilities are not exempt from the reporting requirement as it is of extreme importance to protect the health of the public and be able to implement appropriate disease control methods.

I appreciate your assistance regarding the report of communicable diseases within your facility. Should you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me,

Respectfully,

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