

STATUTORY NOTIFIABLE DISEASES ENGLAND AND WALES

Health protection legislation in England has been updated to give public authorities **new** powers and duties to prevent and control risks to human health from infection or contamination, including by chemicals and radiation. The revised measures are contained within the amended *Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984* and accompanying Regulations. The Regulations for clinical notifications came into force on 6 April 2010, and those relating to laboratory notifications started on 1 October 2010. This legislation adopts an all hazards approach, and, in addition to the specified list of infectious diseases, there is a requirement to notify cases of other infections or contamination which could present a significant risk to human health. Registered Medical Practitioners (RMPs) are expected to provide information that is a requirement of legislation needed to protect public health as part of their professional duties.

Diseases notifiable (to Local Authority Proper Officers) under the Health Protection (Notification) Regulations 2010:

- Acute encephalitis
- Acute infectious hepatitis
- Acute meningitis
- Acute poliomyelitis
- Anthrax
- Botulism
- Brucellosis
- Cholera
- Diphtheria
- Enteric fever (typhoid or paratyphoid fever)
- Food poisoning
- Haemolytic uraemic syndrome (HUS)
- Infectious bloody diarrhoea
- Invasive group A streptococcal disease
- Legionnaires' Disease
- Leprosy
- Malaria
- Measles

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- Meningococcal septicaemia
- Mumps
- Plague
- Rabies
- Rubella
- SARS
- Scarlet fever
- Smallpox
- Tetanus
- Tuberculosis
- Typhus
- Viral haemorrhagic fever (VHF)
- Whooping cough
- Yellow fever

Since April 2010, it has no longer been a requirement to notify the following diseases: Dysentery, Leptospirosis, Ophthalmia neonatorum, Relapsing fever and Viral hepatitis. These and other diseases that may present significant risk to human health may be reported under other significant disease category.