

For the Practice Manager: please add to the Practice Manual















How do General Practitioners notify diseases?

- Medical Practitioners are required by the NSW Public Health Act 1991 to notify the scheduled medical conditions listed below
- Notifications can be made to the local Public Health Unit at any time
- Notification of some conditions **must be made by telephone** since public health action needs to be rapid to prevent further cases
- Doctors are also **encouraged** to notify other conditions **by telephone**; this allows the doctor and Public Health Unit staff member to exchange important information about patient management and possible contacts.
- AIDS is reported on the AIDS Notification Form because of the need for uniform national data (HIV infection is notified separately by laboratories).
- Notification forms are available from the Public Health Unit, or may be downloaded at www.health.nsw.gov.au/public-health/forms
- In order to protect patient privacy, notifications should only be made by facsimile when confidentiality can be ensured. Our secure fax number is 9382 8314.

Please use the following chart as a guide to notification of infectious diseases

South Eastern Sydney Public Health Unit NOTIFIABLE DISEASES - DOCTORS

The NSW Public Health Act 1991 requires that the following conditions/diseases are notified to the Public Health Unit

<p><u>NOTIFY BY PHONE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any unusual cluster of disease Foodborne illness in two or more related cases Gastroenteritis among people of any age, in an institution (eg among persons in educational or residential institutions) Measles Pertussis SARS Smallpox	<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"><p>PH: 9382 8333 AH: 9382 2222 <small>(Ask to Page the Public Health Officer on call)</small> FAX: 9382 8314</p></div> <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"><p><u>NOTIFY BY PHONE/MAIL</u></p><ul style="list-style-type: none"> AIDS Acute viral Hepatitis Adverse event following immunisation Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD) and variant CJD Leprosy Syphilis Tuberculosis</div>
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Further Information

Posters listing the diseases, suitable for display can be downloaded from the Public Health Unit website at <http://www.sesahs.nsw.gov.au/publichealth/InfectiousDiseases/notification1.asp>