

Notifiable Conditions & the Veterinarian



Veterinarians, including those working in private practices, laboratories, academic settings, zoos, wildlife centers, animal shelters and government agencies, have an important public health role in the identification and control of zoonotic and vector-borne diseases.

The Washington State Administrative Code (WAC 246-101-405) outlines these responsibilities for veterinarians:

- A.** Notify the local health officer of the jurisdiction in which the human resides of any suspected human case or suspected human outbreak based on the human's exposure to a confirmed animal case of any disease listed in Table
- B.** Cooperate with public health authorities in the investigation of cases, suspected cases, outbreaks, and suspected outbreaks of zoonotic disease.
- C.** Cooperate with public health authorities in the implementation of infection control measures including isolation and quarantine.
- D.** Comply with requirements in chapter 16-70 WAC for submitting positive specimens and isolates for specific diseases, and provide information requested by the Washington State Department of Health or local health jurisdiction.

Notifiable Condition (report suspected human cases)	Report Immediately	Report within 24 hours
Anthrax	X	
Arboviral disease		X
Brucellosis (<i>Brucella</i> species)		X
<i>Burkholderia mallei</i> (Glanders)	X	
Disease of suspected bioterrorism origin (including but not limited to anthrax)	X	
<i>E. coli</i> – Refer to "Shiga toxin-producing <i>E. coli</i> "	X	
Emerging condition with outbreak potential	X	
Influenza virus, novel or unsubtypeable strain	X	
Leptospirosis		X
Plague	X	
Psittacosis		X
Q Fever		X
Rabies (suspected human case or exposure or animal case)	X	
Shiga toxin-producing <i>E. coli</i> infections (enterohemorrhagic <i>E. coli</i> including, but not limited to, <i>E. coli</i> O157:H7)	X	
Tularemia	X	

IMPORTANT NOTE: Selected animal diseases, especially in livestock and poultry, must be reported to the Washington State Department of Agriculture, State Veterinarian's Office. These include eradicated diseases (e.g., tuberculosis, brucellosis), suspected foreign animal diseases (e.g., foot and mouth disease, exotic Newcastle disease, hog cholera) and certain domestic diseases (e.g., anthrax, rabies). See: <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=16-70>.

*A list of local health departments can be found at <http://www.doh.wa.gov/LHJMap/LHJMap.htm>.