



Contagious Disease Reporting Policy

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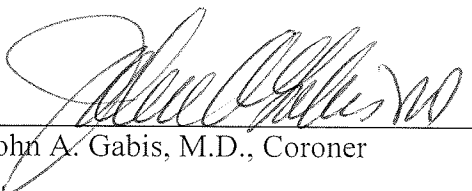
Purpose: To establish a system for reporting communicable diseases that are of public health importance to the county health departments as required by state law.

Justification: Even though our office isn't listed in the Ohio Revised Code as a required reporter of contagious diseases, it is still vital and a requirement per this policy that we report suspected contagious diseases for the control and outbreak prevention.

Policy:

1. See Ohio Revised Code 3701.23 (attached to this policy) for guidelines on what is reportable.
2. All reporting will be made to the Ross County Health District.
3. Main telephone number is 740-775-1114.
4. If calling afterhours, follow the instructions from the number in item# 3 for reporting.
5. If exposed to the suspected contagious disease report the incident to the health department representative; also report the incident to your supervisor.

This policy has been approved and is in effect until further notice:


John A. Gabis, M.D., Coroner

July 5, 2014
Date

ORC: 3701.23 Reporting contagious or infectious diseases, illnesses, health conditions, or unusual infectious agents or biological toxins.

(A) As used in this section, "health care provider" means any person or government entity that provides health care services to individuals. "Health care provider" includes, but is not limited to, hospitals, medical clinics and offices, special care facilities, medical laboratories, physicians, pharmacists, dentists, physician assistants, registered and licensed practical nurses, laboratory technicians, emergency medical service organization personnel, and ambulance service organization personnel.

(B) Boards of health, health authorities or officials, health care providers in localities in which there are no health authorities or officials, and coroners or medical examiners shall report promptly to the department of health the existence of any of the following:

- (1) Asiatic cholera;
- (2) Yellow fever;
- (3) Diphtheria;
- (4) Typhus or typhoid fever;
- (5) As specified by the director of health, other contagious or infectious diseases, illnesses, health conditions, or unusual infectious agents or biological toxins posing a risk of human fatality or disability.

(C) No person shall fail to comply with the reporting requirements established under division (B) of this section.

(D) The reports required by this section shall be submitted on forms, as required by statute or rule, and in the manner the director of health prescribes.

(E) Information reported under this section that is protected health information pursuant to section 3701.17 of the Revised Code shall be released only in accordance with that section. Information that does not identify an individual may be released in summary, statistical, or aggregate form.

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