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Ownership: Preventive Medicine Section, Public Health Protection Department.

Applicability: All Healthcare Facilities licensed under the jurisdiction of Dubai Health Authority.

1. Purpose:

1.1. The Communicable Disease Notification Policy aims to fulfil the following overarching Dubai Health Sector Strategy 2026:

1.1.1. Promote the healthiest lifestyle for the people of Dubai.

1.1.2. Pioneering Human-centered health system to promote trust, safety, quality and care for patients and their families.

1.1.3. Make Dubai a model for accessible value-based health care.

1.1.4. Make Dubai a lighthouse for healthcare governance, integration and regulation.

1.1.5. Pioneering in combating epidemics and infectious diseases and prepare for disasters.

1.1.6. Pioneering prevention efforts against communicable diseases.

1.2. To assure early detection, timely prevention and control of communicable diseases in the Emirate of Dubai.

1.3. To monitor and investigate the occurrence of communicable diseases in the Emirate of Dubai.

1.4. To manage and issue accurate reports on communicable disease notification.

2. **Scope:**

2.1. Infectious Disease Notification Process for DHA Licensed Health Facilities.

3. **Definitions:**

Immediate Notifiable Diseases: are those that require notification to the Preventive Medicine Section (PMS) by telephone immediately within 0- 8 hrs of identification (**Appendix 1**) along with electronic notification to follow, and Report by electronic notification within 24 hrs of identification (**Appendix 2**).

Notifiable Disease: Any disease is required by law to be reported to the concerned government authorities.

DHA : Dubai Health Authority.

IDNS : Infectious Diseases Notification Services on DHA's online portal.

MOHAP : Ministry of Health and Prevention.

PMS : Preventive Medicine Section.

SALAMA : Electronic medical records used in DHA health facilities.

4. **Policy Statement**

4.1. All Healthcare facilities (HF) in Dubai should notify all suspected or confirmed cases of communicable diseases to the DHA Preventive Medicine Section (PMS) -Public Health Protection Department.

4.1.1. HF should request access to the Infectious Disease Notification Service on DHA's

online portal (IDNS) through PM-DHA@dha.gov.ae

4.2. Rapid identification, effective surveillance, prompt reporting, public health commitment and strengthened cooperation are of primary importance for effective prevention and control of communicable diseases to be instituted in health care facility settings.

4.3. The following healthcare professional categories are responsible for notifying the communicable diseases conditions listed in this policy:

4.3.1. Doctors.

4.3.2. Nurses.

4.3.3. Pharmacists and pharmacy technicians.

4.3.4. Practitioners of medical professions other than doctors and pharmacists.

4.3.5. Laboratory Technician.

4.4. Communicable diseases notifications should be placed as an Infectious Diseases Notification Order via electronic systems (SALAMA, IDNS) and according to the listed communicable diseases conditions. (**Appendix 1 and 2**).

4.5. Diseases listed in (**Appendix 1**), should be reported immediately by calling the 24/7 hotline.

4.6. It is the responsibility of the treating doctor/team to maintain confidentiality of information, provide reassurance, counselling to the patient and escort as necessary.

4.7. Procedures and Responsibilities:

Procedure		Responsibility
4.7.1	Identify the communicable diseases conditions for notification based on clinical manifestation, epidemiological evidence and laboratory reports.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Treating doctor• Lab Technician

4.7.2	Report the communicable diseases to PMS-DHA according to the diseases group categories listed in this policy (Appendix 1, 2 and 3).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctor • Nurses • Pharmacists and pharmacy technicians • Healthcare professionals other than doctors, lab technician and pharmacists
4.7.3	Diseases under (Appendix 1) should be notified immediately via telephone within 4-8 hrs of identification along with electronic notification. On-call Doctor 0562256769 On-call epidemiologist 0562253800	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treating doctor • Nurses • Lab Technician
4.7.4	Diseases under (Appendix 2) should be notified immediately via electronic notification within 24 hrs of identification.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treating doctor • Nurses
4.7.5	Diseases under (Appendix 3) to be notified via electronic notification within 5 working days from identification.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treating doctor
4.7.6	Receive, acknowledge and assign electronic communicable diseases notifications.	Electronic System Surveillance officers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SALAMA • IDNS
4.7.7	Verify and confirm the notified communicable diseases with the reporting source.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PMS On-call team (epidemiologist, doctor) • Specific disease coordinator
4.7.8	Communicate with concerned team at health facility setting for updates on case condition, confirmation, findings and further laboratory testing or measures if needed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PMS On-call team (epidemiologist, doctor) • Specific disease coordinator

4.7.9	Notify Dubai Municipality for foodborne, zoonotic and vector-borne diseases.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PMS On-call team (epidemiologist, doctor) • Specific disease coordinator
4.7.10	Notify the DHA disaster office when a communicable disease condition alerted as a suspected or confirmed outbreak	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head of PMS
4.7.11	Notify the preventive medicine department at MOHAP when a communicable disease condition alerted as a suspected or confirmed outbreak	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head of PMS

5. References

5.1. Federal Law No.14 of 2014 Concerning the Communicable Diseases.

5.2. Cabinet Decision no. (33) of 2016 Promulgating the Bylaw of the Control of Communicable Diseases.

5.3. Ministerial Resolution No. (81) of the year 2022 regarding the amending the list of communicable diseases.

5.4. Ministerial Resolution No. (242) of the year 2020 regarding the amending the list of communicable diseases.

5.5. Ministerial Resolution No. (221) and Ministerial Resolution (223) of the year 2020 regarding the amending the list of communicable diseases.

5.6. Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (2020). National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System (NNDSS).

5.7. GOV.UK. (2020). Notifications of Infectious Diseases (NOIDs) and reportable causative organisms: how to report.

6. Appendices:

Appendix 1: Immediately Reportable Communicable Disease (0-8hrs)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) • Anthrax • Botulism • Cholera • Diphtheria • Food poisoning • Enterohemorrhagic Escherichia coli • Influenza, Avian • Meningococcal disease (Neisseria Meningitidis) • Measles • Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) • Novel Corona Covid-19 (SARS COV-2) • Monkeypox 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nipah Virus • Plague • Poliomyelitis • Rabies • Rubella (Including Congenital) • Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) • Smallpox • Typhus Fever • Viral Hemorrhagic Fevers (e.g., Crimean-Congo, Ebola, Lassa, and Marburg viruses) • Yellow Fever • Any unusual/emerging disease specified by the concerned department in the ministry
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Appendix 2: Immediately Reportable Communicable Disease (within 24hrs)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Haemophilus influenza invasive disease • Hepatitis A • Hepatitis E • Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)/AIDS • Legionellosis • Salmonellosis • Shigellosis • Meningitis Specify Etiology: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bacterial ○ Viral 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Influenza A H1N1 • Dengue Fever • Leprosy (Hansen Disease) • Malaria • Pertussis • Tetanus (Including Neonatal) • Tuberculosis (Pulmonary) • Tuberculous Meningitis (Extrapulmonary)
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Appendix 3: Weekly Reportable Communicable Disease (within 5 Working Days)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ascariasis • Amoebiasis • Brucellosis • Chickenpox (Varicella) • Conjunctivitis • Cytomegalovirus • Encephalitis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bacterial ○ Viral • Food borne illness Specify: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Amoebic dysentery ○ Bacillary dysentery • Giardiasis • Infectious mononucleosis • Influenza • Invasive Pneumococcal Disease (IPD) • Listeriosis • Mumps • Relapsing Fever • Scabies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scarlet fever • Streptococcal disease, Invasive, group A or B • Streptococcal pneumonia invasive disease (other than meningitis) • Schistosomiasis • Sexually Transmitted Infection (STIs): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chlamydia ○ Gonorrhoea ○ Syphilis (early & late) ○ Chancroid ○ Genital warts ○ Herpes simplex ○ Trichomoniasis • Typhoid / Paratyphoid • Viral Hepatitis (B, C, D) • Trachoma • Other protozoal intestinal diseases • Other zoonotic bacterial diseases not elsewhere classified • Other unspecified infectious diseases
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