



MECKLENBURG COUNTY
Health Department

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To: Mecklenburg County Healthcare Providers

Re: Disease Reporting and Introduction to Communicable Disease and HIV/STD Staff

Reporting cases of communicable diseases and related conditions has been and remains a vital step in controlling and preventing the spread of communicable disease. These reports are useful in many ways, including assurance of provision of appropriate medical therapy, detection of common-source outbreaks, and planning and evaluating prevention and control programs.

General statute § 130A-135 reads **“A physician licensed to practice medicine who has reason to suspect that a person about whom the physician has been consulted professionally has a communicable disease or communicable condition declared by the Commission to be reported, shall report information required by the Commission to the local health director of the county or district in which the physician is consulted.”** Suspected cases of vaccine-preventable disease are required to be reported within 24 hours.

General statute § 130A-144b reads **“Persons in charge of medical facilities or laboratories shall, upon request and proper identification, permit a local health director or the State Health Director to examine, review, and obtain a copy of medical or other records in their possession or under their control which the State Health Director or a local health director determines pertain to the diagnosis, treatment, or prevention of a communicable disease or communicable condition. A physician or a person in charge of a medical facility or laboratory who permits examination, review or copying of medical records shall be immune from any civil or criminal liability that otherwise might be incurred or imposed as a result of complying with a request. HIPAA laws do not affect the reporting of general communicable diseases, HIV disease or sexually transmitted diseases”.**

To Report a Communicable Disease:

FAX : (704) 353-1202 | PHONE: (704) 336-2817 OR (704) 432-1742

URGENT or **EMERGENT** communicable disease matters 24/7: CALL (704) 432-8701

We appreciate your cooperation as we work to prevent and control communicable disease in Mecklenburg County. Attached is a directory of our current communicable disease and HIV/STD staff.

Sincerely,

Health Director

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Reporting Communicable Diseases – Mecklenburg County

Click this [link](#) for N.C. Communicable Disease Reporting form **OR** telephone 980-314-9201 or 980-314-9220
Mark all correspondence “CONFIDENTIAL”

Tuberculosis:

TB Clinic 980.314.9470
Mecklenburg County Public Health FAX 704.432.2493
2845 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, NC 28216

Sexually Transmitted Diseases, HIV, & AIDS:

Syphilis and HIV/AIDS Reporting 980.314.9226 or 704.614.2993
Other STD Reporting 980.314.9220
Mecklenburg County Public Health FAX 704.336.6200
3205 Freedom Drive
Suite 9000
Charlotte, NC 28208

All Other Reportable Communicable Diseases:

Report to any of the following nurses:

Lori Reiss, RN 980.314.9212
Shawn Wilson, RN (Child Care Nurse) 980.314.9208
Julie Secrest, RN 980.314.9209
Melanie Ward, RN 980.314.9215
Deborah Lentz, RN 980.314.9204
Pamela Newcomer, RN 980.314.9662
Susannah Stone-Gill, RN 980.314.9203

Animal Bite Consultation / Zoonoses / Rabies Prevention:

Jose Pena 980.314.9210
Carson Phillips 980.314.9214
State Veterinarian 919.733.3419

Tiffiney McKoy MSN, RN COVID Case Investigator Supervisor 980.314.9207
Joy Smith, MSN, RN Communicable Disease Director 980.314.1603
NC DHHS Epi On Call 919.733.3419

Communicable Disease Control FAX 704.353.1202
Mecklenburg County Public Health Urgent after-hours 24/7 704.432.0871
3205 Freedom Drive
Suite 9000
Charlotte, NC 28208

Suspected Food borne Outbreaks / Restaurant, Lodging, Pool and Institutional Sanitation:

Food & Facilities Sanitation (Mon-Fri 8-5) 980.314.1620
Mecklenburg County Public Health (evenings; Sat/Sun) 980.314.1660
3205 Freedom Drive
Suite 8000 (pager evenings; Sat/Sun) 704.580.0666
Charlotte, NC 28208 FAX 704.336.5306