

 <p>Winnipeg Regional Health Authority Office régional de la santé de Winnipeg Caring for Health À l'écoute de notre santé</p> <p><b>OPERATIONAL DIRECTIVE</b></p>	<p><b>PERSONAL CARE HOME/LONG TERM CARE FACILITY INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL PROGRAM</b></p>	
	<p><b>Reporting of Disease and Conditions to Manitoba Health by Infection Prevention &amp; Control in Personal Care Homes /Long Term Care Facilities</b></p>	<p><b>Page:</b>  1 of 3</p>
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## 1.0 **PURPOSE:**

- 1.1 To ensure consistency with requirements as outlined in the Reporting of Diseases and Conditions Regulation of The Public Health Act (C.C.S.M. c. P210 04-09) for Infection Prevention & Control reporting of Communicable Diseases in WRHA Personal Care Homes/Long Term Care Facilities (PCH/LTCF).

## 2.0 **DEFINITIONS:**

- 2.1 **Reportable Disease:** a disease listed on Schedule B in the Reporting of Diseases and Conditions Regulation of The Public Health Act (C.C.S.M. c. P210 04-09).
- 2.2 **Outbreak:** The occurrence in a facility/unit of cases of an illness with a frequency clearly in excess of normal expectancy. The number of cases indicating presence of an outbreak will vary according to the infectious agent, size and type of population exposed, previous experience or lack of exposure to the disease, and time and place of occurrence. Therefore, the status of an outbreak is relative to the usual frequency of the disease in the same facility/unit, among the same population, at the same season of the year.

## 3.0 **OPERATIONAL DIRECTIVES:**

- 3.1 The health professional, a duly qualified Physician, Registered Nurse, Infection Control Practitioner/ designate and/or the Laboratory are responsible for notifying Manitoba Health of a Reportable Disease.

- 3.1.1 Some organisms/diseases are reportable by both the laboratory and a health professional and some only require reporting from the laboratory. Refer to the List of Diseases Reportable by Health Professionals (Appendix A).

#### 4.0 **PROCEDURE:**

- 4.1 Reportable Diseases, as listed by the Province of Manitoba Public Health Department (Appendix A), shall be reported to the Manitoba Health Director of Communicable Disease Control fax: (204) 948-3044 in a timely fashion.
- 4.2 A health professional shall make a report of a Reportable Disease in the following circumstances:
- Reportable diseases indicated as reportable by Health Professionals (see appendix A)
  - Any other reportable disease if the health professional believes the disease will not be confirmed by a positive laboratory test (refer to Reporting of Diseases and Conditions Regulation of The Public Health Act (C.C.S.M. c. P210 04-09) available at <http://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/regs/pdf/p210-037.09.pdf>. Only report the diseases that are not included in Appendix A if the health professional suspects the disease is occurring but will not be reported by the lab (e.g., a case of measles that meets clinical definition but has not had any lab tests done)
  - Reportable diseases the health professional believes the person had at time of death or contributed to the cause of death
  - Diseases or conditions that are potentially serious but are not otherwise reportable if they:
    - Occur in a cluster or outbreak
    - Have presented with unusual clinical manifestations.
- 4.3 Health Professionals shall report disease and conditions as indicated above using form # MG-4197 (rev. 89) entitled Report of Communicable Disease Regulations Under the Public Health Act (appendix B), also known as the “buff card”.
- 4.4 In the case of an Outbreak, the Infection Control Practitioner/designate shall refer to the Operational Directive: Outbreak Management for Infection Prevention & Control for PCHs/LTCFs (approved April 24, 2008).

## 5.0 **REFERENCES:**

- 5.1 Manitoba Health. Communicable Disease Management Protocol Manual. October 2006  
<http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/protocol/index.html>
- 5.2 Public Health Act Reporting of Diseases and Conditions Regulation. April, 2009. Manitoba health Public Health Communicable Disease Control Unit Communicable disease Management Protocol Manual web link:  
<http://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/regs/pdf/p210-037.09.pdf>

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