

# Summary of Public Health Reporting for 2020

## Reporting Procedures and Resources

All public health reporting documentation and guidance for reportable communicable and environmental diseases in Tennessee is available on the Reportable Diseases website at <https://www.tn.gov/health/cedep/reportable-diseases.html>.

### Reporting Methods and Requirements

Healthcare Facilities/Providers and Laboratories should report using one of the following methods:

1. Report Via Fax

The PH-1600 may be faxed or emailed directly to the local or regional health office at <https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/localdepartments.html>, or to the Communicable and Environmental Diseases and Emergency Preparedness (CEDEP) Division at the Tennessee Department of Health (TDH) at (615) 741-3857.

2. Report Online

Online reporting for all conditions is completed in the National Electronic Disease Surveillance System (NEDSS) Base System (NBS): <https://hssi.tn.gov/auth/login>. Healthcare providers and laboratories will log in to NBS to enter patient demographics, the reportable condition, facility and provider information, and attach lab report information. Reporters can request an account at <https://redcap.health.tn.gov/redcap/surveys/?s=8L7CMWHN4M>. If you encounter problems signing up, please email [ceds.informatics@tn.gov](mailto:ceds.informatics@tn.gov).

Laboratories have the additional reporting option:

3. Electronic Laboratory Reporting (ELR)

Requirements for electronic laboratory reporting are available at <https://www.tn.gov/health/cedep/laboratory-reporting.html>.

### Hospitals

Reporting antibiotic use in acute care hospitals through the National Healthcare Safety Network's Antibiotic Use and Resistance Module will be required beginning in January 1, 2021. This will be a phased-in approach based on hospital bed size. As this requirement will require some planning for hospitals to implement, the Tennessee Department of Health is advising of this future requirement several years in advance to allow adequate preparation. [For more information: <https://www.tn.gov/health/cedep/hai.html>]

## 2020 Reportable Disease Documentation in Tennessee (For Healthcare Providers and Laboratories)

Important changes in 2020 include:

### Healthcare Providers/Facilities

- Drug Overdose reporting now includes Opioids, Stimulants, Benzodiazepines, and Muscle Relaxants.
- Specimen collection date and specimen type are required fields on the PH-1600.

For 2020, the Detailed Laboratory Guidance document has been updated with the following changes:

- *Escherichia coli*, Extended-spectrum Beta-lactamase-producing & *Klebsiella* species, Extended-spectrum Beta-lactamase-producing are reportable from laboratories for residents of the following counties: Lewis, Marshall, Maury, Wayne
- Pregnancy status is listed as a new requirement for HIV reporting. Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C also request pregnancy status.
- Additional details have been added to the Laboratory Tests and Results to Report to Public Health for the following pathogens:
  - *Acinetobacter* species, Carbapenem-resistant
  - *Campylobacter*
  - *Cyclospora*
  - *Escherichia coli*, Shiga toxin-producing
  - Hepatitis B
  - Hepatitis C
  - HIV
  - *Listeria*
  - *Rickettsia* species (other than *R. typhus* )
  - *Salmonella* Typhi
  - *Salmonella* species (other than *S. Typhi*)
  - Shigella
  - *Vibrio cholerae* (Toxigenic O1 or O139)
  - *Vibrio* species (Non-toxigenic O1 or O139), *Grimontia hollisae*, *Photobacterium damsela*