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Dear Colleagues:

This letter is to notify you of changes for the 2020 List of Reportable Diseases in Tennessee, effective January 1, 2020. The List and Detailed Laboratory Guidance document are available at <https://www.tn.gov/health/cedep/reportable-diseases.html>. Important changes and reminders in 2020 include:

For Healthcare Providers and Healthcare Facilities Only:

- Drug Overdose reporting now includes Opioids, Stimulants, Benzodiazepines, and Muscle Relaxants.
- Specimen collection date and specimen type are now required fields on the PH-1600.
- Reporting of antibiotic use in acute care hospitals through the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) will be required beginning in January 1, 2021. As this will require some planning, we are advising hospitals of this in advance to allow adequate preparation. [For more information: <https://www.tn.gov/health/cedep/hai.html>]
- Blood lead levels should be reported electronically or using the PH-4156 form (not the PH-1600 form).

For Laboratories Only:

- Pregnancy status is now required for HIV reports, if available, and requested for Hepatitis B and C.
- *Please see Detailed Laboratory Guidance for additional changes.*

Please remember all suspected outbreaks, regardless of etiology, are reportable. For any questions please call your local or regional health department (<https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/localdepartments.html>), or (615)741-7247. We greatly appreciate your partnership in public health reporting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lisa Piercey".

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Commissioner