



To: Members of the State Board of Health

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Subject: **Request for Rulemaking Hearing**  
Proposed amendments to 6 CCR 1009-7, Detection, Monitoring, and Investigation of Environmental and Chronic Disease, with a request for the rulemaking hearing to occur in November 2017

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The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (Department) has the power and duty to promote, protect, and maintain the public's health by preventing, delaying, or detecting the onset of environmental and chronic diseases and to investigate and determine the epidemiology of those conditions, per Sections 25-1.5-105, 25-1.5-102, 25-1-122, 25-1.5-101(1)(k) and (l), C.R.S.

The proposed changes fall into three categories: 1) improve the clarity of the rule, 2) ensure consistency with the most recent national guidance, the authorizing statute, and similar state regulations that affect end users of the rule, and 3) enable a more efficient response to emerging issues. The proposed rule has been reorganized to parallel 6 CCR 1009-1, Epidemic and Communicable Disease Control. The Department seeks alignment of the rules to bring clarity, consistency and completeness to end users as both rules have the same stakeholders.

The Department has reached out to a wide variety of stakeholders to solicit input regarding the proposed amendments to 6 CCR 1009-7 and has modified the proposed changes based on stakeholder feedback. In general, stakeholders are supportive of the proposed amendments. The Department remains fully committed to engaging its stakeholders during the rulemaking process.

STATEMENT OF BASIS AND PURPOSE  
AND SPECIFIC STATUTORY AUTHORITY  
for Amendments to 6 CCR 1009-7

Detection, Monitoring, and Investigation of Environmental and Chronic Disease

**Basis and Purpose.**

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (Department) has the power and duty to promote, protect, and maintain the public's health by preventing, delaying, or detecting the onset of environmental and chronic diseases, and to investigate and determine the epidemiology of those conditions, Sections 25-1.5-105, 25-1.5-102, 25-1-122, 25-1.5-101(1)(k) and (l), C.R.S.

Recent experience with synthetic marijuana, harmful algal blooms, and potentially contaminated marijuana products have underscored the need to clarify the rules. In response to stakeholder feedback, the rule clarifies types of conditions that should be reported, who should report and what information is needed in order to initiate investigations to protect public health. Overall, the proposed changes improve readability, clarify and align the rule language with statute and current practice, incorporate the most recent national guidance and update the rule to enable the public health community to respond to opioid overdose, atypical reactions to marijuana, and other public health concerns related to legal and illegal drug use. The proposed changes include:

A. Definitions and Terminology

The proposed rule adds definitions from the authorizing statute 25-1.5-105, C.R.S., and other definitions to help reporters, county, district or municipal public health agencies and the Department understand when the rule needs to be applied. The two relevant statutory definitions are:

- "Chronic disease" means impairment or deviation from the normal functioning of the human body which: (a) is permanent; (b) leaves residual disability; (c) is caused by nonreversible pathological alterations; (d) requires special patient education and instruction for rehabilitation; or (e) may require a long period of supervision, observation, and care.
- "Environmental disease" means an impairment or deviation from the normal functioning of the human body which: (a) may be either temporary or permanent; (b) may leave residual disability; (c) may result in birth defects, damage to tissues and organs, and chronic illness; and (d) is caused by exposure to hazardous chemical or radiological materials present in the environment.

Technology advances and current surveillance practices were also incorporated into the proposed rule. For example, the reference to photographs has been expanded to photographs or video. "Environmental sampling data" is also acknowledged.

B. Align with 6 CCR 1009-1, Epidemic and Communicable Disease Control (6 CCR 1009-1)

To the extent feasible, the format of the rule and the rule language parallels the language in 6 CCR 1009-1. This benefits end-users as many apply both rules.

C. Consolidated Table of Reportable Conditions

The specific diseases and conditions that were in List A (Environmental and Chronic Diseases Reportable by Physicians or Other Health Care Providers), List B (Environmental and Chronic Diseases Reportable by Hospitals and Other Health Care Facilities), and List C (Environmental and Chronic Diseases Reportable by Laboratories) have been moved to the proposed new Appendix A. The table identifies the reportable condition, the timeframe for reporting, the reporting mechanism, and the reporting entities.

D. Acknowledge Modified or Additional Reporting

Colorado statute authorizes the department to modify or initiate time-limited reporting to address an emergency health need. Acknowledging this practice within the rule helps the public and public health community understand the full continuum of disease control authorized under the statute, and provides the public health community an anchor in current practice when responding to a new environmental or chronic disease or outbreak.

E. Acknowledge Passive Reporting Through Administrative Datasets For Some Conditions

The department currently receives data for some conditions through administrative datasets rather than directly from laboratories, healthcare providers and other reporters. By acknowledging surveillance of head injuries, spinal cord injuries, birth defects, developmental disabilities, and medical risk factors for developmental delay, in addition to the new reporting requirement for adverse drug reactions, within the rule helps the public, reporters and the public health community understand how data is collected for these conditions. These changes more clearly reflect current practice and clarify expectations of physicians and other healthcare providers.

F. Update Two Reportable Conditions

i. Lead level, elevated - The Department proposes to change the reporting time for elevated blood lead results greater than 5 µg/dl in those under 18 years old from 30 days to 7 days. The Department also proposes to require reporting for blood lead results greater than 5 µg/dl in those over 18 years old. These changes were made to ensure consistency with the current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's reference levels for elevated blood lead.

ii. Birth defects, developmental disabilities, and medical risk factors for developmental delay in Colorado residents diagnosed prenatally, at birth, or through the third birthday - The Department proposes updating terminology in Appendix A to bring it into alignment with terminology used in the International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM). ICD-10-CM is a morbidity classification for diagnoses and reason for visits in all U.S. health care settings and is based on the ICD-10 statistical classification of disease published by the World Health Organization. ICD-10-CM replaced ICD-9-CM and is now the standard used to classify diseases and causes of illness recorded on health records, claims, and other vital information. Transitioning to ICD-10-CM terminology will improve accuracy and clarity in reporting.

G. Add "Adverse Drug Reaction" as a Reportable Condition

CDPHE Strategic Plan Goal 5 is, "Prepare for and Respond to All Emerging Issues." A priority for the department is to ensure the foundational elements and infrastructure to detect, prepare for and respond to emerging issues is in place. One effort to advance this goal is to align reporting

requirements with current public health concerns. In the February 15, 2017, presentation to the Board of Health, the Department discussed and received the Board's support to propose rule revisions that would better enable the Department and its partners to respond to opioids, marijuana and other legal or illegal drugs. The proposed rule adds "adverse drug reaction" as a reportable condition:

- Adverse drug reaction - The Department proposes to add "Adverse drug reaction or overdose caused by taking a prescription drug, over-the-counter medication or remedy, controlled substance (legally or illegally obtained) that results in treatment in an emergency department, hospitalization, or death". The Department proposes this condition be reported passively through existing administrative datasets, such as data the Department currently receives from the Colorado Hospital Association. The purpose of collecting this data is to improve or initiate data collection on opioid overdose, atypical reactions to marijuana, and other public health concerns related to legal and illegal drug use, such as synthetic opioids.

The Department anticipates that in making adverse drug reactions reportable, it will be able to evaluate the positive and unintended negative impacts of changes in policy and health care on the evolving opioid overdose epidemic at the population level. This proposed addition would allow the Department access to investigatory material, without patient consent, to collect information that is more complete, assess the quality of existing data that we use to describe the epidemic, and evaluate strategies to address the epidemic. Furthermore, it would allow the Department to link existing data sets from the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program with outcome data and toxicology results to improve public health's ability to target resources in the areas of greatest need.

**Specific Statutory Authority.**

These rules are promulgated pursuant to the following statutes: Sections 25-1.5-105, 25-1.5-102, 25-1-122, 25-1.5-101(1)(k) and (l), C.R.S.

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SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS

**Is this rulemaking due to a change in state statute?**

\_\_\_\_ Yes; rules are \_\_\_\_ authorized \_\_\_\_ required.  
 No

**Is this rulemaking due to a federal statutory or regulatory change?**

\_\_\_\_ Yes  
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**Does this rule incorporate materials by reference?**

\_\_\_\_ Yes  
 No

**Does this rule create or modify fines or fees?**

\_\_\_\_ Yes  
 No

## **REGULATORY ANALYSIS**

for Amendments to

6 CCR 1009-7

Detection, Monitoring, and Investigation of Environmental and Chronic Disease

**1. A description of the classes of persons who will be affected by the proposed rule, including classes that will bear the costs of the proposed rule and classes that will benefit from the proposed rule.**

Classes of persons affected by the proposed rule changes include 1) clinical laboratory personnel; 2) personnel at hospitals responsible for reporting; 3) licensed or certified facilities or operators; 4) local public health personnel; 5) county coroners; 6) school or childcare personnel; 7) any other persons who may be required to report known or suspected cases; and 8) the general public.

All of the classes identified above will benefit from increased efficiency of environmental and chronic disease investigation, which could result in quicker identification and resolution of the outbreak, more accurate risk communication and prevention.

The majority of the modifications are clarifying, resulting in minimal costs. Adverse drug reaction data is currently captured through existing passive reporting. Only minor changes would need to be made to this electronic data feed to capture identifiers on these data. There is no increased reporting cost to individuals or facilities. Similarly, temporary reporting is already current practice, and these rule revisions represent codification of this practice. The Department's most recent experience with this sort of reporting was the synthetic marijuana outbreak in 2013. During this event, through existing electronic data feeds, hospital emergency departments reported approximately 250 individual cases. Mandatory reporting for this outbreak lasted approximately four weeks and no single hospital reported more than 100 cases.

There are minimal costs to laboratories and providers associated with modifying the elevated lead levels and birth defects reporting; however, the changes align with national practice and the current standards of care. The benefit is streamlined reporting that improves public health and patient care.

**2. To the extent practicable, a description of the probable quantitative and qualitative impact of the proposed rule, economic or otherwise, upon affected classes of persons.**

The impact of the updated rule is improved public health response and improved health care. All of the persons and entities identified above will benefit from the proposed changes to the rule. The benefit of these changes include: clearer, updated rules that are more easily applied; more complete reporting of diseases and conditions of public health significance; enable a more efficient response to emerging issues; and, better data collection for adverse reactions or overdoses to drugs. Health care providers' ability to prevent and treat adverse drug reactions is increased by adding adverse drug reactions to the list of reportable conditions; this may increase efficiency and reduce health care or health care consumer costs. Each of these proposed changes will provide better or timelier data to the department and county, district, and municipal public health agencies. These agencies, in turn, will be able to use this data to detect, prevent, and treat environmental and chronic disease in communities and through partners across Colorado, benefitting the general public.

**3. The probable costs to the agency and to any other agency of the implementation and enforcement of the proposed rule and any anticipated effect on state revenues.**

There is no cost to the department for the vast majority of the proposed changes. Any costs associated with adding adverse drug reactions to the reportable conditions will be minimal and can be absorbed. The Department is already involved in efforts to address adverse drug reaction or overdose caused by taking a medication or controlled substance. The increased effort for some work units is offset by efficiencies for other work units. There is no anticipated effect on state revenues.

**4. A comparison of the probable costs and benefits of the proposed rule to the probable costs and benefits of inaction.**

The benefit of these changes include clearer, updated rules that are more easily interpreted and therefore, followed; and more complete reporting of diseases of public health importance. Additionally, the proposed changes will provide greater consistency in the reporting of emerging environmental and chronic disease. Finally, the proposed changes include updated language that is meant to mirror current national standards and terminology.

In Colorado, nine in ten poisoning-related fatalities are related to drugs. The Department does not currently have the necessary tools to conduct surveillance to identify trends and risk factors related to drug poisonings. More specifically, the opioid epidemic is rapidly changing in terms of the demographics and the specific drugs involved. The Department has spent several years assessing the burden of this epidemic using passively collected data from the Colorado Hospital Association. However, these analyses have been limited in usefulness as current authority does not allow collection of sufficient identifiers to link to other datasets or assess geospatial trends finer than the county level. In order to evaluate the rapidly changing local and state policies, additional authority is needed to collect identifiers and link datasets to identify associations between prescribing practices and adverse events. Several states have similar regulatory authority to collect identifiable data for adverse events and other poisonings.

The proposed rule changes provide additional tools for public health to identify trends and risk factors related to drug poisonings without significantly adding to the reporting burden for healthcare providers. Adding adverse drug reactions as a passively collected condition through current datasets allows for the necessary retrospective surveillance to identify trends and risk factors. Clarifying the reporting requirements under D.2 to include conditions resulting from exposure to drugs or controlled substances that are newly recognized, at increased incidence beyond expectations, or a risk to the public due to ongoing exposure provides the necessary authority for public health investigation of potential outbreak events such as was observed with synthetic marijuana in 2013. This balanced approach minimizes burden on reporters, while authorizing the Department to collect the information it needs to identify trends and risk factors associated with drug poisonings.

Inaction would result in a continued lack of clarity in the rules, lack of alignment with national standards and 6 CCR 1009-1, and lack of information about newly emerging conditions of public health importance.

**5. A determination of whether there are less costly methods or less intrusive methods for achieving the purpose of the proposed rule.**

Costs associated with the rule are minimal and align with current efforts of the affected entities. The proposed changes improve public health and health care response, increase transparency and alignment of activities between the department and its partners. There is no less costly or less intrusive method to achieve the purpose of the rule.

**6. Alternative Rules or Alternatives to Rulemaking Considered and Why Rejected.**

The only alternative considered was to leave the rule as adopted. This was rejected because recent updates to ICD-10CM, an increasing need for clarity and consistency among end users of this rule, and emerging conditions of public health concern necessitated changes in this rule.

**7. To the extent practicable, a quantification of the data used in the analysis; the analysis must take into account both short-term and long-term consequences.**

The most recent guidance from CDC in 2012 changed the reference level for elevated blood lead in children from  $\geq 10$  micrograms per deciliter ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$ ) to  $\geq 5$   $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$ . This was based on the 97.5th percentile of the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey's (NHANES) blood lead distribution in children. (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (n.d.). Standard Surveillance Definitions and Classifications. <https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/data/definitions.htm>)

The most recent guidance from NIOSH in 2015 changed the reference level for elevated blood lead in adults from  $\geq 10$  micrograms per deciliter ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$ ) to  $\geq 5$   $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$ . This case definition is used by the ABLES program, the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE), and CDC's National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System (NNDSS). (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (n.d.). Adult Blood Lead Epidemiology and Surveillance (ABLES). <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/ables/description.html>)

Extensive analyses on the potential adverse health effects associated with marijuana from passively collected hospitalization and emergency discharge data have been conducted by the Department (Colorado Retail Marijuana Public Health Advisory Committee. 2017. Monitoring Health Concerns Related to Marijuana in Colorado: 2016, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Denver, CO, (<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/retail-marijuana-public-health-advisory-committee>))

Data from Colorado's 2013 synthetic marijuana outbreak (Ghosh, T., Herlihy, R., Van Dyke, M., Kuhn, S., Burrer, S., Halliday, M, Spelke, B., Bayleyegn, T., Wolkin, A., Lewis, L., Fechter-Leggett, E., Olayinka, O. Notes from the Field: Severe Illness Associated with Reported Use of Synthetic Marijuana – Colorado, August-September 2013. MMWR. 2013 62(49):1016-1017)

Safe States. Consensus Recommendations for National and State Poisoning Surveillance: Report from the Injury Surveillance Work-group (ISW7) [Internet]. Atlanta: Safe States; 2012. ([http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.safestates.org/resource/resmgr/imported/ISW7\\_Full\\_Report\\_3.pdf](http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.safestates.org/resource/resmgr/imported/ISW7_Full_Report_3.pdf))

"Examining Opioid and Heroin-related Deaths in Colorado" (HealthWatch 100): <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B2nM-3jK5N8pblQ3M1hDRGIIV0U/view>

STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS  
for Amendments to  
6 CCR 1009-7  
Detection, Monitoring, and Investigation of Environmental and Chronic Disease

State law requires agencies to establish a representative group of participants when considering to adopt or modify new and existing rules. This is commonly referred to as a stakeholder group.

Early Stakeholder Engagement

**The following individuals and/or entities were invited to provide input and included in the development of these proposed rules:**

County, District or Municipal Public Health Agency Directors and Environmental Health Directors, Laboratory Directors, Infection Preventionists, School Nurses, Colorado schools and child care facilities, Colorado Academy of Family Physicians, Colorado Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Colorado Section, Colorado Hospital Association, Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention, Colorado Lead Coalition, Colorado County Coroners, Colorado Health Care Association, Colorado Medical Directors Association, Colorado Medical Society, Colorado Home Care Association, Colorado Association of Home and Services for the Aging, Emergency Medical Services Association of Colorado, County Sheriff's of Colorado, Colorado State Fire Chiefs Association, Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police, Colorado Assisted Living Association, Colorado Department of Public Safety, LeadingAge Colorado, and the Rocky Mountain Academy of Occupational and Environmental Medicine.

Stakeholder Group Notification

The stakeholder group was provided notice of the rulemaking hearing and provided a copy of the proposed rules or the internet location where the rules may be viewed. Notice was provided prior to the date the notice of rulemaking was published in the Colorado Register (typically, the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month following the Request for Rulemaking).

Not applicable. This is a Request for Rulemaking Packet. Notification will occur if the Board of Health sets this matter for rulemaking.

Yes.

**Summarize Major Factual and Policy Issues Encountered and the Stakeholder Feedback Received. If there is a lack of consensus regarding the proposed rule, please also identify the Department's efforts to address stakeholder feedback or why the Department was unable to accommodate the request.**

The Department's outreach to stakeholders has been ongoing with open communication among all stakeholder groups. An email detailing the proposed changes was sent to an initial set of 410 stakeholders, with a reminder email sent one week later. The Department conducted outreach to specific stakeholders (Agency representatives for Colorado schools and child care facilities, Colorado Academy of Family Physicians, Colorado Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Colorado Hospital Association, Colorado Department of Public Safety and the Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention) asking for assistance in broader distribution of our proposed changes to this rule. To date, nine stakeholders reached back to the Department to ask questions or

provide feedback; where appropriate the Department has responded to these stakeholders with individual calls or emails to clarify intent. The proposed amendments have not generated any controversy.

**Please identify health equity and environmental justice (HEEJ) impacts. Does this proposal impact Coloradans equally or equitably? Does this proposal provide an opportunity to advance HEEJ? Are there other factors that influenced these rules?**

The proposed modifications apply to all Colorado health care providers; laboratories; coroners; hospitals, health facilities or operations licensed, certified or permitted by the department or its designees; schools (including nursing staff); licensed child care centers, and; public or private institutions or business, or individuals with knowledge of a Reportable Environmental and Chronic Disease and, thus, cover all Coloradans. Proposed rule modifications promote health equity as they are meant to clarify and streamline the rules so they are more easily understood and applied to all eligible citizens. Furthermore, the improved data quality on adverse drug reactions provided by this proposal will allow for more detailed analyses to identify important social determinants of health to better target prevention resources.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT**

**Disease Control and Environmental Epidemiology Division**

**DETECTION, MONITORING, AND INVESTIGATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND CHRONIC DISEASE**

**6 CCR 1009-7**

**Adopted by the Board of Health on \_\_\_\_\_, 2017. Effective \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.**

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**REGULATION 1. REPORTABLE ENVIRONMENTAL AND CHRONIC DISEASES**

THE DEPARTMENT HAS THE POWER AND DUTY TO PROMOTE, PROTECT, AND MAINTAIN THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH BY PREVENTING, DELAYING, OR DETECTING THE ONSET OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND CHRONIC DISEASES DANGEROUS TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND TO INVESTIGATE AND DETERMINE THE EPIDEMIOLOGY OF THOSE DISEASES THAT CONTRIBUTE TO PREVENTABLE OR PREMATURE SICKNESS, DEATH AND DISABILITY.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS REGULATION:

- A. "CHRONIC DISEASE" MEANS IMPAIRMENT OR DEVIATION FROM THE NORMAL FUNCTIONING OF THE HUMAN BODY WHICH: (A) IS PERMANENT; (B) LEAVES RESIDUAL DISABILITY; (C) IS CAUSED BY NONREVERSIBLE PATHOLOGICAL ALTERATIONS; (D) REQUIRES SPECIAL PATIENT EDUCATION AND INSTRUCTION FOR REHABILITATION; OR (E) MAY REQUIRE A LONG PERIOD OF SUPERVISION, OBSERVATION, AND CARE.
- B. "ENVIRONMENTAL DISEASE" MEANS AN IMPAIRMENT OR DEVIATION FROM THE NORMAL FUNCTIONING OF THE HUMAN BODY WHICH: (A) MAY BE EITHER TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT; (B) MAY LEAVE RESIDUAL DISABILITY; (C) MAY RESULT IN BIRTH DEFECTS, DAMAGE TO TISSUES AND ORGANS, AND CHRONIC ILLNESS; AND (D) IS CAUSED BY EXPOSURE TO HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL OR RADIOLOGICAL MATERIALS PRESENT IN THE ENVIRONMENT.
- C. "INVESTIGATORY MATERIAL" INCLUDES BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO MEDICAL, CORONER AND LABORATORY RECORDS OR REPORTS; CLINICAL SPECIMENS OR CLINICAL MATERIAL; TESTING AND TEST RESULTS; SAMPLES OR SAMPLINGS; ENVIRONMENTAL MEDIA (INCLUDING WATER, AIR, SOIL OR SEDIMENT); CONFIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL, GEOLOGICAL, OR GEOPHYSICAL DATA.
- D. "REPORTABLE ENVIRONMENTAL AND CHRONIC DISEASES" MEANS A CHRONIC DISEASE, ENVIRONMENTAL DISEASE, SYNDROME OR CONDITION THAT IS CAUSED BY EXPOSURE TO KNOWN OR SUSPECTED TO BE DANGEROUS TO PUBLIC HEALTH, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:
  - 1. ANY DISEASE, SYNDROME, OR CONDITION IDENTIFIED IN APPENDIX A, REPORTABLE ENVIRONMENTAL AND CHRONIC DISEASES TABLE.
  - 2. ANY DISEASE, SYNDROME, CONDITION THAT IS KNOWN OR SUSPECTED TO BE RELATED TO A TOXIC SUBSTANCE, PRESCRIPTION DRUG, OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATION OR REMEDY, CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, ENVIRONMENTAL EXPOSURE OR CONDITION, AND IS:

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1. SUSPECTED OF BEING A CLUSTER, OUTBREAK OR EPIDEMIC,
  2. A RISK TO THE PUBLIC DUE TO ONGOING EXPOSURE,
  3. AT AN INCREASED INCIDENCE BEYOND EXPECTATIONS,
  4. DUE TO EXPOSURE TO FOOD, ENVIRONMENTAL MEDIA (INCLUDING WATER, AIR, SOIL OR SEDIMENT), OR OTHER MATERIAL, SUCH AS MARIJUANA PRODUCTS, THAT IS CONTAMINATED BY A TOXIC SUBSTANCE, HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, POLLUTANT OR CONTAMINANT,
  5. CASES OF A NEWLY RECOGNIZED OR EMERGING DISEASE OR SYNDROME,
  6. RELATED TO A HEALTHCARE SETTING OR CONTAMINATED MEDICAL DEVICES OR PRODUCTS, SUCH AS DIVERTED DRUGS, OR
  7. MAY BE CAUSED BY OR RELATED TO A SUSPECTED INTENTIONAL OR UNINTENTIONAL RELEASE OF CHEMICAL OR RADIOLOGICAL AGENTS.

62 THE DEPARTMENT MAY TEMPORARILY REQUIRE REPORTING, OR A CHANGE IN MANNER OR  
63 FREQUENCY OF REPORTING FOR REPORTABLE ENVIRONMENTAL AND CHRONIC DISEASES  
64 OR OTHER DISEASES, SYNDROMES, CONDITIONS, ILLNESSES OR EXPOSURES THAT ARE  
65 POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND NEED TO BE MONITORED TO  
66 PREVENT, TREAT, OR CONTROL, ENVIRONMENTAL DISEASE OR CHRONIC DISEASE.  
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68 EACH REPORT WILL INCLUDE THE PATIENT'S FULL NAME, DATE OF BIRTH, GENDER, RACE,  
69 ETHNICITY, PHONE NUMBER, ADDRESS (INCLUDING CITY AND COUNTY), NAME AND ADDRESS  
70 OF RESPONSIBLE PHYSICIAN OR OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDER, AND ANY OTHER  
71 INFORMATION THAT IS NEEDED TO LOCATE THE PATIENT FOR FOLLOW UP. WHEN THE  
72 REPORTABLE ENVIRONMENTAL AND CHRONIC DISEASE IS LISTED IN APPENDIX A,  
73 REPORTERS WILL REPORT IN THE MANNER AND TIME FRAME DELINEATED IN APPENDIX A.  
74 ANY OTHER DISEASE THAT MEETS ONE OR MORE CRITERIA IN DEFINITION D.2 OF  
75 REGULATION 1, MUST BE REPORTED WITHIN 24 HOURS. IN ADDITION, ALL LABORATORY  
76 INFORMATION REPORTED SHALL INCLUDE SPECIMEN ACCESSION NUMBER OR COMPARABLE  
77 IDENTIFIER. REPORTS WILL BE SUBMITTED IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED BY THE  
78 DEPARTMENT.  
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80 ~~Regulation 1. Reportable Diseases~~

81 ~~For the purpose of these regulations, the diseases named in the lists below and any epidemic of~~  
82 ~~environmental or chronic disease are declared to be dangerous to the public health and shall be~~  
83 ~~reportable in accordance with the provisions of these regulations.~~

84 ~~Reportable outbreaks or epidemics of environmental or chronic diseases include those which may be a~~  
85 ~~risk to the public and which may affect large numbers or specific groups of persons or be outbreaks~~  
86 ~~caused by a chemical or radioactive terrorist agent or incident or be a newly recognized entity. Such~~  
87 ~~outbreaks may include, but are not limited to, those related to environmental contamination by any~~  
88 ~~hazardous chemical, radiological material, or biologic substance.~~

89 ~~The occurrence of a single case of any unusual disease or manifestation of illness which the health care~~  
90 ~~provider determines or suspects may be caused by or related to a chemical or radioactive terrorist agent~~  
91 ~~or incident must be reported immediately by telephone to the state or local health department by the~~  
92 ~~health care provider and the hospital, emergency department, clinic, health care center, and laboratory in~~  
93 ~~which the person is examined, tested, and/or treated. The same immediate reporting is required for any~~  
94 ~~unusual cluster of illnesses that may be caused by or related to a chemical or radioactive terrorist agent~~

95 or incident. Chemical terrorist agents include, but are not limited to, Sarin (GB), VX (V agent), and HD  
96 (distilled mustard).

97 **List A. Environmental and Chronic Diseases Reportable by Physicians or Other Health Care**  
98 **Providers**

Diagnosis (Confirmed or Suspected)	Reportable Within:
Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (Age less than or equal to ten years)	30 days
Muscular Dystrophies	120 days

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100 **List B. Environmental and Chronic Diseases Reportable by Hospitals and Other Health Care**  
101 **Facilities**

Diagnosis (Confirmed or Suspected)	Reportable Within:
Spinal cord injuries	120 days
Birth defects, developmental disabilities, and medical risk factors for developmental delay in Colorado residents diagnosed prenatally, at birth, or through the third birthday*; with the exception of muscular dystrophies, which shall be reported without age limit	120 days
Head injuries requiring admission to hospitals or resulting in death	120 days
Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) (Age less than or equal to ten years) (Including Autistic Disorder, Asperger's Syndrome, and Pervasive Developmental Disorder Not Otherwise Specified)	30 days**

102 \* Appendix A is an inclusive list of conditions that must be reported.

103 \*\* Seven-county Metro Denver Area (Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas,  
104 Jefferson).

105 **List C. Environmental and Chronic Diseases Reportable by Laboratories**

106 All of the findings below are to be reported within 30 days.

107 Blood lead level  $\geq 10$   $\mu\text{g/dL}$  if age  $>18$  years.

108 Report all blood lead levels if age  $\leq 18$  years and report levels  $\geq 10$   $\mu\text{g/dL}$  within one week of analysis.

109 Blood mercury  $>0.5$   $\mu\text{g/dL}$

110 Urine mercury  $>20$   $\mu\text{g/L}$

111 Chromosomal abnormalities and neural tube defects diagnosed by prenatal testing or by genetic testing  
112 in Colorado residents through the third birthday (reportable within 90 days)

113 Physicians, health care providers, and clinics performing blood lead level testing in an office or outpatient  
114 setting are required to report results the same as the requirement above for laboratories.

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116 **REGULATION 2. INDIVIDUALS AND ENTITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR REPORTING**

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118 REPORTERS INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS; LABORATORIES;  
119 CORONERS; HOSPITALS, HEALTH FACILITIES OR OPERATIONS LICENSED, CERTIFIED OR  
120 PERMITTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR ITS DESIGNEES; SCHOOLS (INCLUDING NURSING

121 STAFF); LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS, AND; PUBLIC OR PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS OR  
122 BUSINESS, OR INDIVIDUALS WITH KNOWLEDGE OF A REPORTABLE ENVIRONMENTAL AND  
123 CHRONIC DISEASE.

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125 EVERY VETERINARIAN, LIVESTOCK OWNER, VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY  
126 DIRECTOR, OR OTHER PERSON HAVING THE CARE OF, OR KNOWLEDGE OF, THE EXISTENCE  
127 OF ANIMALS HAVING OR SUSPECTED OF HAVING ANY DISEASE THAT CONSTITUTE A  
128 REPORTABLE ENVIRONMENTAL OR CHRONIC DISEASE AS DEFINED IN REGULATION 1, SHALL  
129 PROMPTLY REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OR THE APPROPRIATE COUNTY, DISTRICT OR  
130 MUNICIPAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY.

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132 **Regulation 2. Manner of Reporting and Information To Be Submitted**  
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134 ~~The diseases in the lists in Regulation 1 shall be reported to the Department of Health within the specified~~  
135 ~~time frame after the diagnosis is made by the physician, health care provider, or confirmed in a~~  
136 ~~laboratory.~~

137 ~~The information to be submitted shall consist of the diagnosis; the patient's name, age, sex,~~  
138 ~~race/ethnicity, and address; the name and address of responsible physician; the employer (for reportable~~  
139 ~~work-related conditions); and such other information as is needed by the Department to locate the patient~~  
140 ~~for follow-up. With regard to birth defects, developmental disabilities, chromosomal abnormalities, and~~  
141 ~~neural tube defects reported pursuant to regulation 1, the department shall collect no additional~~  
142 ~~information about pregnancy outcome other than what is required for the vital record form. When~~  
143 ~~hospitals and laboratories transmit disease reports electronically using systems and protocols developed~~  
144 ~~by the department that ensure protection of confidentiality, such reporting is acceptable and is considered~~  
145 ~~good faith reporting.~~

146 ~~Laboratory findings in List C of regulation 1 shall be reported by all laboratories which maintain an office~~  
147 ~~or collection facility in Colorado or which arrange for collection of specimens in Colorado. Results must~~  
148 ~~be reported by the laboratory which performs the test, but an in-state laboratory which sends specimens~~  
149 ~~to an out of state referral laboratory is also responsible for reporting the results.~~

150 ~~In addition to physicians, health facilities, and laboratories, any person having knowledge of a reportable~~  
151 ~~disease, outbreak, or epidemic, such as coroners, persons in charge of schools (including school nursing~~  
152 ~~staff), or persons or employees having knowledge of exposure of large numbers or specific groups of~~  
153 ~~persons to a known or suspected public health hazard shall report such disease, outbreak, or epidemic.~~

154 ~~The Department shall develop systems and forms for reporting for physicians, other health care providers,~~  
155 ~~hospitals, and laboratories. For birth defects and developmental disabilities, hospitalized head injuries,~~  
156 ~~and spinal cord injuries, hospital reporting shall be through a central computerized data system operated~~  
157 ~~by or for the department.~~

158 ~~Reports on hospitalized patients may be made part of a report by the hospital as a whole.~~

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160 **REGULATION 3. PROCEDURES FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND CHRONIC**  
161 **DISEASES**  
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163 THE DEPARTMENT AND COUNTY, DISTRICT, AND MUNICIPAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES SHALL  
164 EMPLOY REASONABLE INVESTIGATIVE TECHNIQUES AS PART OF SYSTEMATIC SURVEILLANCE  
165 FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND CHRONIC DISEASES. REPORTING IN ONE COMMUNITY MAY LEAD  
166 THE DEPARTMENT OR COUNTY, DISTRICT OR MUNICIPAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES TO  
167 INVESTIGATE WHETHER OR NOT PUBLIC HEALTH IS ENDANGERED EITHER IN THE SAME  
168 COMMUNITY OR IN OTHER COMMUNITIES PHYSICALLY REMOVED BUT ENVIRONMENTALLY  
169 SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE REPORTED CASE.  
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171 INVESTIGATIONS SHALL BE LIMITED TO INFORMATION THAT IS PERTINENT, RELEVANT AND  
172 NECESSARY TO THE INVESTIGATION, AS DETERMINED BY THE AGENCY CONDUCTING THE  
173 INVESTIGATION. SUCH INVESTIGATIVE TECHNIQUES INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:  
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- 175 1. REVIEW BY AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL OF INVESTIGATORY MATERIAL TO IDENTIFY AND  
176 CHARACTERIZE THE INDEX CASE AND OTHER CASES IN A REGION, COMMUNITY, OR  
177 WORKPLACE; SUCH REVIEW OF INVESTIGATORY MATERIAL MAY OCCUR WITHOUT  
178 PATIENT CONSENT AND SHALL BE CONDUCTED AT REASONABLE TIMES AND WITH  
179 SUCH NOTICE AS IS REASONABLE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES. WHERE FEASIBLE,  
180 FACILITIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO PROVIDE REMOTE ELECTRONIC ACCESS TO  
181 AUTHORIZED DEPARTMENT AND/OR COUNTY, DISTRICT OR MUNICIPAL PUBLIC HEALTH  
182 AGENCY STAFF FOR THIS PURPOSE;  
183
- 184 2. PERFORMING FOLLOW-UP INTERVIEW(S) TO COLLECT PERTINENT AND RELEVANT  
185 INFORMATION ABOUT THE CAUSE OR RISK FACTORS FOR THE REPORTABLE  
186 ENVIRONMENTAL OR CHRONIC DISEASE;  
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- 188 3. MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND TESTING OF PERSONS WITH THE EXPLICIT CONSENT OF  
189 SUCH PERSONS;  
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- 191 4. OBTAINING FROM PUBLIC OR PRIVATE BUSINESSES OR INSTITUTIONS THE LISTS OF  
192 PERSONS WITH A SIMILAR OR COMMON POTENTIAL EXPOSURE TO A REPORTED CASE;  
193 SUCH EXPOSURE MAY BE CURRENT OR HAVE OCCURRED IN THE PAST;  
194
- 195 5. INTERVIEWING OR ADMINISTERING QUESTIONNAIRE SURVEYS CONFIDENTIALLY TO  
196 ANY RESIDENT OF A COMMUNITY OR ANY AGENT, OWNER, OPERATOR, EMPLOYER, OR  
197 EMPLOYEE OF A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE BUSINESS OR INSTITUTION, THAT IS EITHER  
198 EPIDEMIOLOGICALLY ASSOCIATED WITH A REPORTED CASE OR HAS HAD A SIMILAR  
199 EXPOSURE TO A REPORTED CASE;  
200
- 201 6. COLLECTING AND ANALYZING SAMPLES OR MEASUREMENTS OF ITEMS THAT MAY BE  
202 RELATED TO THE CAUSE OF THE OUTBREAK OR REPORTABLE DISEASE, SUCH AS  
203 FOOD, ENVIRONMENTAL MEDIA (INCLUDING WATER, AIR, SOIL OR SEDIMENT), OTHER  
204 SUBSTANCES OR MATERIAL, SUCH AS MARIJUANA PRODUCTS, A PRESCRIPTION  
205 DRUG, AN OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATION OR REMEDY, A CONTROLLED  
206 SUBSTANCE, OR PHYSICAL AGENTS;  
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- 208 7. TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS OR VIDEO RELATED TO THE PURPOSE OF THE INVESTIGATION;  
209 IF THE PHOTOGRAPHS/VIDEO ARE TAKEN IN A BUSINESS, THE EMPLOYER SHALL HAVE  
210 THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE PHOTOGRAPHS/VIDEO TAKEN OR OBTAINED FOR  
211 THE PURPOSE OF IDENTIFYING THOSE WHICH CONTAIN OR MIGHT REVEAL A TRADE  
212 SECRET;  
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- 214 8. ENTERING A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ENTITY, SUCH AS A BUSINESS OR SCHOOL, FOR THE  
215 PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING INVESTIGATIONS OF THOSE PROCESSES, CONDITIONS,  
216 STRUCTURES, MACHINES, APPARATUS, DEVICES, EQUIPMENT, RECORDS, AND  
217 MATERIALS WITHIN THE PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT WHICH ARE RELEVANT, PERTINENT,  
218 AND NECESSARY TO THE INVESTIGATION; SUCH INVESTIGATIONS SHALL BE  
219 CONDUCTED DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS OR AT OTHER REASONABLE TIMES  
220 AND WITH SUCH NOTICE AS IS REASONABLE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES;  
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- 222 9. REVIEW OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS;  
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- 224 10. REVIEW OF TOXIC TORT OR PRODUCT LIABILITY CLAIMS FILED WITH STATE OR  
225 FEDERAL COURTS WITHIN THE STATE; AND  
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227 11. REVIEW OF PREVIOUSLY CONDUCTED ENVIRONMENTAL OR PRODUCT SAMPLING  
228 DATA THAT MAY BE RELATED TO THE CAUSE OF THE OUTBREAK OR REPORTABLE  
229 DISEASE.

230  
231 THE DEPARTMENT AND COUNTY, DISTRICT, AND MUNICIPAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES SHALL  
232 HAVE ACCESS TO INVESTIGATORY MATERIAL. THIS MAY INCLUDE REQUIRING ACCESS TO  
233 TRADE SECRETS SUCH AS PRODUCT FORMULATIONS, MANUFACTURING PROCESSES OR  
234 DEVICES. INVESTIGATORY MATERIAL IS TO BE USED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND COUNTY,  
235 DISTRICT, AND MUNICIPAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY FOR  
236 DISEASE CONTROL EFFORTS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF PREVENTION PROGRAMS.

237 ~~The State or local health department shall employ reasonable investigative techniques as part of~~  
238 ~~systematic surveillance for environmental and chronic diseases. Reports of diseases related to exposure~~  
239 ~~to a hazardous substance or agent in one environmental setting may lead the state or local health~~  
240 ~~department to investigate whether or not the public health is endangered either in the same setting or in~~  
241 ~~other settings physically removed but environmentally similar to that of the reported case. Investigations~~  
242 ~~shall be considered official duties of the health department or health agency and shall be pertinent,~~  
243 ~~relevant and only as intrusive as necessary. Such investigative techniques include but are not limited to:~~

244 ~~(a) review by authorized personnel of pertinent, relevant medical records necessary to identify~~  
245 ~~and characterize the index case and other cases in a region, community, or workplace;~~  
246 ~~such review of records may occur without patient consent and shall be conducted at~~  
247 ~~reasonable times and with such notice as is reasonable under the circumstances;~~

248 ~~(b) review of Workers' Compensation claims;~~

249 ~~(c) review of toxic tort or product liability claims filed with state or federal courts within the state;~~

250 ~~(d) medical examination and testing of persons with the explicit consent of such persons;~~

251 ~~(e) obtaining from public or private businesses or institutions lists of persons with a similar or~~  
252 ~~common potential exposure to the hazardous substance or agent as a reported case;~~  
253 ~~such exposure may be current or have occurred in the past;~~

254 ~~(f) performing follow-up interview(s) with a reported case or persons knowledgeable about the~~  
255 ~~case to collect pertinent and relevant information about the cause and/or risk factors~~  
256 ~~associated with the reportable environmental or chronic disease;~~

257 ~~(g) interviewing or administering questionnaire surveys confidentially to any resident of a~~  
258 ~~community or any agent, owner, operator, employer, or employee of a public or private~~  
259 ~~business or institution, that is either epidemiologically associated with a reported case or~~  
260 ~~has had a similar hazardous environmental exposure as a reported case;~~

261 ~~(h) collecting environmental samples of substances or measurements of physical agents;~~

262 ~~(i) taking photographs related to the purpose of the investigation; if the photographs are taken in~~  
263 ~~a business, the employer shall have the opportunity to review the photographs taken or~~  
264 ~~obtained for the purpose of identifying those which contain or might reveal a trade secret;~~

265 ~~(j) entering a place of employment for the purpose of conducting investigations of those~~  
266 ~~processes, conditions, structures, machines, apparatus, devices, equipment, records,~~  
267 ~~and materials within the place of employment which are relevant, pertinent, and~~  
268 ~~necessary to the investigation; such investigations shall be conducted during regular~~  
269 ~~working hours or at other reasonable times and with such notice as is reasonable under~~  
270 ~~the circumstances.~~

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272 **REGULATION 4. INFORMATION SHARING**

273  
274 WHEN THE DEPARTMENT LEARNS OF A REPORTABLE ENVIRONMENTAL OR CHRONIC  
275 DISEASE, IT SHALL NOTIFY THE AFFECTED COUNTY, DISTRICT OR MUNICIPAL PUBLIC HEALTH  
276 AGENCY IN A TIMELY MANNER, USUALLY WITHIN THE TIMEFRAME FOR REPORTING IN  
277 APPENDIX A. WHEN A COUNTY, DISTRICT OR MUNICIPAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY LEARNS OF  
278 A REPORTABLE ENVIRONMENTAL OR CHRONIC DISEASE, IT SHALL NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT  
279 IN A TIMELY MANNER, USUALLY WITHIN THE TIMEFRAME FOR REPORTING IN APPENDIX A. IF  
280 IT IS A DISEASE THAT MEETS ONE OR MORE CRITERIA IN DEFINITION D.2 OF REGULATION 1,  
281 THE DEPARTMENT AND AFFECTED COUNTY, DISTRICT OR MUNICIPAL PUBLIC HEALTH  
282 AGENCY SHALL NOTIFY EACH OTHER USUALLY WITHIN 24 HOURS. THESE REQUIREMENTS  
283 SHALL NOT APPLY IF THE DEPARTMENT AND COUNTY, DISTRICT OR MUNICIPAL PUBLIC  
284 HEALTH AGENCY MUTUALLY AGREE NOT TO SHARE INFORMATION ON REPORTED CASES.

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286 INFORMATION IS SHARED BETWEEN AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL AND ONLY WHEN NECESSARY  
287 TO TREAT, CONTROL, INVESTIGATE, OR PREVENT ENVIRONMENTAL DISEASE OR CHRONIC  
288 DISEASE THAT IS DANGEROUS TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

289  
290 SHARING OF TRADE SECRETS, AND CONFIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL, GEOLOGICAL, OR  
291 GEOPHYSICAL DATA SHALL BE PERFORMED IN A MANNER THAT PRESERVES THE  
292 CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE INFORMATION.

293 ~~Whenever a local health department or health agency learns of a case of a reportable disease in~~  
294 ~~Regulation 1 or an environmental exposure potentially threatening the public health, it shall notify the~~  
295 ~~State Department of Health in a timely manner, usually within the timeframe for reporting in Regulation 1.~~

296 ~~The State Department of Health shall, in turn, notify the appropriate local health department or agency in~~  
297 ~~a timely manner, usually within the timeframe for reporting in Regulation 1, whenever it learns of a case of~~  
298 ~~a disease reportable in Regulation 1 or it learns of an environmental exposure potentially threatening the~~  
299 ~~public health.~~

300 ~~These requirements shall not apply if the State and local health agencies mutually agree not to share~~  
301 ~~information on reported cases.~~

302 ~~Sharing of medical information on persons with reportable diseases or illnesses as defined in Regulation~~  
303 ~~1 between authorized personnel of State and local health departments shall be restricted to information~~  
304 ~~necessary for the treatment, control, investigation, and prevention of environmental and chronic diseases~~  
305 ~~dangerous to the public health.~~

306 ~~Sharing of trade secrets, and confidential commercial, geological, or geophysical data shall be performed~~  
307 ~~in a manner that preserves the confidentiality of the information.~~

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309 **Regulation 5. Reporting of Diseases Among Animals**

310 ~~Every veterinarian, livestock owner, veterinary diagnostic laboratory director, or other person having the~~  
311 ~~care of, or knowledge of, the existence of animals having or suspected of having any disease that~~  
312 ~~constitute a Reportable Environmental or Chronic Condition shall promptly report to the Department or~~  
313 ~~the appropriate local public health agency.~~

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315 **REGULATION 5. CONFIDENTIALITY**

316  
317 ALL INVESTIGATORY MATERIAL ACQUIRED OR CREATED AND HELD BY THE DEPARTMENT OR  
318 A COUNTY, DISTRICT OR MUNICIPAL HEALTH AGENCY IN COMPLIANCE WITH THESE  
319 REGULATIONS SHALL BE HELD AS CONFIDENTIAL PURSUANT TO C.R.S. 25-1-122(4). IN  
320 ADDITION, TRADE SECRETS AND CONFIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL, GEOLOGICAL, OR

321 GEOPHYSICAL DATA SUBMITTED TO OR HELD BY THE DEPARTMENT OR COUNTY, DISTRICT  
322 OR MUNICIPAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES IN COMPLIANCE WITH THESE REGULATIONS SHALL  
323 BE CONFIDENTIAL TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW. THIS INFORMATION IS TO BE USED BY  
324 THE PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES AS SOURCE MATERIAL FOR NECESSARY DISEASE CONTROL  
325 EFFORTS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF PREVENTION PROGRAMS.

326  
327 REASONABLE EFFORTS SHALL BE MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OR INVESTIGATING COUNTY,  
328 DISTRICT OR MUNICIPAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO CONSULT WITH THE ATTENDING  
329 PHYSICIAN OR MEDICAL FACILITY CARING FOR THE PATIENT PRIOR TO ANY FURTHER  
330 PATIENT FOLLOW-UP BY THE DEPARTMENT OR A COUNTY, DISTRICT OR MUNICIPAL HEALTH  
331 AGENCY.

332 ~~All personal medical records and reports held by the state or local health department in compliance with~~  
333 ~~these regulations shall be confidential information subject to C.R.S. 25-1-122(4). In addition, trade~~  
334 ~~secrets and confidential commercial, geological, or geophysical data submitted to or held by the Colorado~~  
335 ~~Department of Health in compliance with these regulations shall be confidential. This information is to be~~  
336 ~~used by the Department as source material for necessary disease control efforts and the development of~~  
337 ~~prevention programs. Reasonable efforts shall be made by the Department to consult with the attending~~  
338 ~~physician or medical facility caring for the patient prior to any further follow-up by State or local health~~  
339 ~~departments or health agencies.~~  
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## Appendix A. Reportable Environmental and Chronic Disease

<b>Disease/Event<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Reporter</b>
<i>Adverse drug reaction or overdose caused by taking a prescription drug, over-the-counter medication or remedy, controlled substance (legally or illegally obtained) that results in treatment in an emergency department, hospitalization, or death</i>		120 days <sup>2</sup>	P*
<i>Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) (Age less than or equal to ten years) (Including Autistic Disorder, Asperger's Syndrome, and Pervasive Developmental Disorder-Not Otherwise Specified)</i>		30 days	P**
<i>Chromosomal abnormalities and neural tube defects diagnosed by prenatal testing or by genetic testing in Colorado residents through the third birthday</i>		90 days	P
<i>Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (Age ≤ 10 years)</i>		30 days	P
<i>Head injuries requiring admission to hospitals or resulting in death</i>		120 days <sup>2</sup>	L & P*
<i>Lead Level, elevated</i>			
	<i>Blood lead level ≥ 5 µg/dL AND age ≤ 18 years</i>	7 days	L & P***
	<i>Blood lead level ≥ 5 µg/dL if age &gt;18 years</i>	30 days	L & P***
	<i>Blood lead level &lt;5 µg/dL AND age ≤ 18 years</i>	30 days	L & P***
<i>Mercury Level, elevated</i>			
	<i>Blood mercury &gt;0.5 µg/dL</i>	30 days	L
	<i>Urine mercury &gt;20 µg/L</i>	30 days	L
<i>Muscular Dystrophies</i>		120 days <sup>2</sup>	P

<i>Spinal Cord Injuries</i>		120 days <sup>2</sup>	L & P*
<i>Birth defects, developmental disabilities, and medical risk factors for developmental delay in Colorado residents diagnosed prenatally, at birth, or through the third birthday; with the exception of muscular dystrophies, which shall be reported without age limit<sup>3</sup></i>			
	<b>Major congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities</b>	120 days <sup>2</sup>	L & P*
	<b>Congenital (perinatal) infections, including:</b> Congenital syphilis Congenital rubella Cytomegalovirus Toxoplasmosis/herpes viral/herpes simplex Neonatal viral hepatitis	120 days <sup>2</sup>	L & P*
	<b>Sensory impairments, including:</b> Hearing loss Blindness and low vision	120 days <sup>2</sup>	L & P*
	<b>Other disabilities, including:</b> Specific delays in development Change to Intellectual Disability Infantile cerebral palsy Autism spectrum disorders (ASD)	120 days <sup>2</sup>	L & P*
	<b>Newborn genetic/endocrine/metabolic and newborn immunodeficiencies diseases</b>	120 days <sup>2</sup>	L & P*
	<b>Infections, including:</b> Encephalitis Meningitis	120 days <sup>2</sup>	L & P*
	<b>Injuries, including:</b> Traumatic brain injuries Spinal cord injuries	120 days <sup>2</sup>	L & P*
	<b>Other disabilities and medical conditions related to development, including:</b> Convulsions/seizures Specific delays in development Intellectual disabilities Infantile cerebral palsy Autism spectrum disorders (ASD) Drug withdrawal syndrome in	120 days <sup>2</sup>	L & P*

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the newborn  
Failure to thrive  
Infantile spasms  
Muscular dystrophies  
Noxious influences affecting  
fetus (includes Fetal Alcohol  
Syndrome)  
Werdnig Hoffman disease  
Amniotic bands  
Perinatal Intracranial  
hemorrhage  
Slow fetal growth and fetal  
malnutrition

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- <sup>1</sup> In the manner prescribed by the department, all cases are to be reported with patient's full name, date of birth, gender, race, ethnicity, and address (including city and county) and name and address of responsible physician or other health care provider; and any other information that is needed in order to locate the patient for follow up. In addition, all laboratory information reported shall include specimen accession number or comparable identifier.
- <sup>2</sup> Reporting time is 120 days unless it is to be reported sooner under a different statutory or regulatory authority.
- <sup>3</sup> Listed conditions relate directly to the International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM)

Reporter: The party responsible for reporting is indicated by one of the following:

L = Laboratory (whether or not associated with a hospital; by out-of-state laboratories that maintain an office or collection facility in Colorado; and by in-state laboratories which send specimens to an out-of-state laboratory referral laboratory).

P = Health care providers or other persons knowing of or suspecting a case, including but not limited to coroners, laboratories, persons in charge of hospitals, facilities or operations licensed, certified or permitted by the department or its designees, persons in charge of schools (including nursing staff), and licensed child care centers.

\* Reporting requirement is fulfilled through department access to administrative data sets including but not limited to hospitalization and emergency discharge data and vital records data, unless notified by the department that additional data are necessary or otherwise required by statute or regulation.

\*\* Condition reportable only among residents of seven-county Denver Metropolitan Area (Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties).

\*\*\* = Laboratory as specified above or by the physician, healthcare provider, or clinic when blood lead specimens are analyzed in an office or outpatient setting (i.e., using LeadCare® II instrument).

343 ~~Reportable Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities~~

344 ~~[Listed conditions relate directly to ICD-9-CM codes (International Classification of Diseases)]~~

345 ~~Major congenital anomalies and chromosomal abnormalities~~

346 ~~Congenital (perinatal) infections~~

- 347 Congenital syphilis
- 348 Congenital rubella
- 349 Cytomegalovirus
- 350 Toxoplasmosis/herpes simplex
- 351 Neonatal hepatitis
- 352 **Sensory impairments**
- 353 Hearing loss
- 354 Blindness and low vision
- 355 **Other disabilities**
- 356 Specific delays in development
- 357 Mental retardation
- 358 Infantile cerebral palsy
- 359 Autism spectrum disorders (ASD)
- 360 **Genetic and endocrine/metabolic diseases**
- 361 Hypothyroidism
- 362 Disorders of amino acid transport and metabolism
- 363 Disorders of carbohydrate transport and metabolism
- 364 Lipidoses
- 365 Disorders of copper metabolism
- 366 Cystic fibrosis
- 367 Other disorders of purine and pyrimidine metabolism
- 368 Mucopolysaccharidosis
- 369 Sickle cell anemia
- 370 Biotinidase deficiency
- 371 Congenital adrenal hyperplasia
- 372 **Infections**
- 373 Encephalitis
- 374 Meningitis

375 Injuries

376 Traumatic brain injuries

377 Spinal cord injuries

378 Other diagnoses

379 Amniotic bands

380 Cerebral cysts

381 Cerebral lipidoses

382 Child maltreatment syndrome

383 Chorioretinitis

384 Convulsions/seizures

385 Drug withdrawal syndrome in the newborn

386 Failure to thrive

387 Familial degenerative CNS disease

388 Infantile spasms

389 Muscular dystrophies

390 Noxious influences affecting fetus (includes Fetal Alcohol Syndrome)

391 Renal tubular acidosis

392 Retinal degeneration

393 Werdnig-Hoffman disease

394 Intracranial hemorrhage

395 Birth trauma

396 Slow fetal growth and fetal malnutrition