



Community Infection Prevention and Control Policy for General Practice

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e.g. Dental Practice, Podiatry)

Notifiable diseases

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1. Introduction

Diseases that are notifiable to the Local Authority Proper Officers under the Health Protection (Notification) Regulations 2010 are listed below.

Registered medical practitioners (RMPs) have a statutory duty to notify the 'proper officer' at their local Council or Health Protection (HP) Team of suspected cases of certain infectious diseases.

2. Notification form

Complete a [notification form](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/notifiable-diseases-form-for-registered-medical-practitioners) immediately on diagnosis of a suspected notifiable disease. Don't wait for laboratory confirmation of a suspected infection before notification. www.gov.uk/government/publications/notifiable-diseases-form-for-registered-medical-practitioners.

Send the form to the proper officer within 3 days, or notify them verbally within 24 hours if the case is urgent. Contact your local HP Team for further guidance.

3. List of notifiable diseases

Diseases notifiable to local authority proper officers under the Health Protection (Notification) Regulations 2010:

Disease	Whether likely to be routine or urgent
Acute encephalitis	Routine
Acute infectious hepatitis (A, B, C)	Urgent if suspected bacterial infection, otherwise routine
Acute meningitis	Urgent
Acute poliomyelitis	Urgent
Anthrax	Urgent
Botulism	Urgent
Brucellosis	Routine: urgent if UK acquired
Cholera	Urgent
COVID-19	Urgent
Diphtheria	Urgent
Enteric fever (typhoid or paratyphoid)	Urgent

Disease	Whether likely to be routine or urgent
Food poisoning	Routine: urgent, if as part of a cluster or outbreak
Haemolytic uraemic syndrome (HUS)	Urgent
Infectious bloody diarrhoea	Urgent
Invasive group A streptococcal disease	Urgent
Legionnaires' disease	Urgent
Leprosy	Routine
Malaria	Routine: urgent if UK acquired
Measles	Urgent
Meningococcal septicaemia	Urgent
Mpox (Monkeypox)	Urgent
Mumps	Routine
Plague	Urgent
Rabies	Urgent
Rubella	Routine
Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)	Urgent
Scarlet fever	Routine
Smallpox	Urgent
Tetanus	Routine: urgent if associated with injecting drug use
Tuberculosis	Routine: urgent if healthcare worker or suspected cluster or multidrug-resistant
Typhus	Routine
Viral haemorrhagic fever (VHF)	Urgent
Whooping cough	Urgent if diagnosed in acute phase: routine if later diagnosis
Yellow fever	Routine: urgent if UK acquired

This list is not exhaustive. If in doubt, please telephone your local HP Team.

Report other diseases that may present significant risk to human health under the category 'other significant disease'.

4. Infection Prevention and Control resources, education and training

The Community Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Team have produced a wide range of innovative educational and IPC resources designed to assist your General Practice in achieving compliance with *The Health and Social Care Act 2008: Code of Practice on the prevention and control of infection and related guidance* and CQC registration requirements.

These resources are either free to download from the website or available at a minimal cost covering administration and printing:

- 25 IPC Policy documents for General Practice
- 'Preventing Infection Workbook: Guidance for General Practice'
- 'IPC CQC inspection preparation Pack for General Practice'
- IPC audit tools, posters, leaflets and factsheets
- 'IPC Bulletin for General Practice Staff'

In addition, we hold educational study events in North Yorkshire and York and can arrange bespoke training packages and 'Mock IPC CQC Inspections'. Prices vary depending on your requirements and location.

Further information on these high quality evidence-based resources is available at www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk.

5. References

Department of Health and Social Care (Updated December 2022) *Health and Social Care Act 2008: code of practice on the prevention and control of infections and related guidance*

Department of Health (May 2010, updated September 2022) *Notifiable diseases and causative organisms: how to report*

Department of Health (March 2010) *Health Protection Legislation (England) Guidance*

NHS England (2022, updated April 2023) *National infection prevention and control manual (NIPCM) for England*

Public Health England (May 2010) *Statutory notification by registered medical practitioners* of all hazards: infections, chemicals & radiation*

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