

## 2026 Michigan Communicable Disease Surveillance and Reporting Changes

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**Target audience:** Local Health Departments, Physicians, Infection Preventionists, and Laboratories

**Date:** January 2026

**Background:** Each year, the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) develops and endorses Position Statements to recommend certain diseases become Nationally Notifiable, that states adopt standardized case definitions, or provide guidance for communication and reporting. This communication is meant to provide notification to our partners of the changes the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) will be making to the official Michigan Reportable Disease List. These changes will be adopted on January 1, 2026.

If you have questions, concerns, or comments about these changes, please contact the MDHHS Division of Emerging Infectious Diseases at 517-335-8165.

### Modifications to Existing Conditions and Additions to the Michigan Reportable Disease List

- **New Reportable Conditions:**
  - **COVID-19 pediatric mortality (< 18 years of age):** added as a new individually reportable condition.
  - **Arboviral encephalitides, neuro- and non-neuroinvasive:** added California serogroup and Oropouche to list of reportable arboviruses.
- **New Laboratory Reporting Requirements:**
  - **COVID-19; including SARS-CoV-2 variant identification (7)**
    - Individual positive molecular and rapid antigen tests and lineage or sequencing results for COVID-19 are required to be reported to public health by laboratories and health care providers capable of sending electronic messages.
    - Reporters not able to send electronic messages (such as schools, daycares, long-term care facilities, and some health care providers) no longer need to report individual COVID-19 laboratory results to public health. Note, some local health departments and other agencies may have reporting requirements.
  - **Influenza virus (individual reports (7) or weekly aggregate counts):** added requirement for individual cases to be reported only by facilities capable of submitting electronic messages, otherwise weekly aggregate counts are to be reported.
  - **Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) (7):** added requirement for individual cases to be reported only by facilities capable of submitting electronic messages.
  - **Candidiasis (*Candida auris*) – report all positives (4) and negative screening results (7):** added requirement for negative screening results to be reported only by laboratories capable of submitting electronic messages.
- **Other Updates:**
  - **Brucellosis (*Brucella abortus, melitensis, suis, and canis*):** removed blue bold text as it is no longer considered a select agent pathogen.

- **Hepatitis C virus (all antibody, RNA, and genotype HCV test results, report positives (6) and negatives (7)):** added footnote (7) to negative test results to add clarification that negative lab results are required to be reported by laboratories capable of submitting electronic messages. Reporting of negative hepatitis C virus test results via electronic messages has been a requirement since 2019.
- **Measles (Measles/Rubeola virus) (5, submit PCR positives only, 6):** added footnote (5) to submit PCR positive specimens to the MDHHS Laboratory.
- **Footnotes:**
  - (3): updated link to Michigan expedited partner therapy (EPT) information ([www.michigan.gov/ept](http://www.michigan.gov/ept)).
  - (4): added that labs shall immediately **notify** and submit suspected and confirmed isolates.
  - (7): new footnote used to indicate conditions that are reportable via electronic messages only.

### **Health Care Professional's Guide to Disease Reporting in Michigan Changes**

- Updated Reportable Disease Lists by Condition (page 6) and by Pathogen (page 11) to reflect 2026 changes described above.
- Added a section on electronic message reporting as some conditions are required to be reported only by facilities capable of sending electronic messages (page 4).
- Updated influenza reporting section to include new reporting requirements for COVID-19, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), and influenza by facilities capable of sending electronic messages (page 8).
- Updated link to Michigan's Expedited Partner Therapy (EPT) website to [www.michigan.gov/ept](http://www.michigan.gov/ept) (page 9).
- Updated the immunizations requirements section adding references to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) (page 9).
- Updated guidance for isolate submission requirements for Carbapenemase-Producing Organisms (CPO) (pages 12-13).
- Added Measles virus PCR positive specimens to the table of specimens to be submitted to the MDHHS Bureau of Laboratories (BOL) (page 15).
- Updated list of references (page 19).