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"The reason for collecting, analyzing and disseminating information on a disease is to control that disease. Collection and analysis should not be allowed to consume resources if action does not follow."

Foege, W.H. et al. (1976). *Int. J of Epidemiology*, 5:29-37.

SUMMARY OF UPDATES TO DISEASE REPORTING:

The Florida Department of Health has recently completed an update of Chapter 64D-3 of the Florida Administrative Code, which governs disease reporting. The amendments, which became effective on November 24, 2008, represent issues which have come to light since an extensive rewrite in November 2006. The purpose was to clarify current rule language and amend the list of reportable diseases or conditions.

These changes will enhance communicable disease reporting efficiency and clarify reporting and testing requirements for health care providers, laboratories, hospitals, and other entities required to report communicable diseases or conditions that may affect public health.

The following have been added to the notifiable list:

Amebic Encephalitis; reportable immediately

Arsenic Poisoning; next business day

Carbon monoxide poisoning; next business day

***Staphylococcus aureus*- community associated mortality;**
next business day

***Staphylococcus aureus* isolated from a normally sterile site;**
Next Business Day (electronic laboratory reporting only)

Poliomyelitis, *non-paralytic*; reportable immediately

Several other sections were updated, including: Definitions, Notification by Practitioners, Notification by Laboratories, Procedures for Control of Specific Communicable Diseases, and Epidemiological Investigations.

Additional information about this update can be accessed by visiting:

<http://www.floridadiseasecontrol.com/epi/topics/surv.htm>

Chapter 64D-3 of the Florida Administrative Code can be viewed by visiting: www.flrules.org and searching for rule number 64D-3

The Pinellas County Health Department thanks you for your cooperation in reporting laboratory results and cases. If you have any questions about disease reporting and surveillance, please call (727) 824-6932.

Selected Reportable Diseases in Pinellas County

Disease	2008 November	2008 Year-to-Date	2007 Year-to-Date	2007 Total
AIDS	14	178	155	168
Animal Rabies		2	1	1
Arboviral Illness (Human):				2
Dengue				
EEE				
SLE				
WNV			1	1
CA/LaCrosse				
Campylobacteriosis	1	36	45	47
Chlamydia	256	3516	3103	3454
Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD)		2		1
Cryptosporidiosis	1	11	15	15
Cyclosporiasis		5	1	1
<i>E. coli</i> O157:H7		2	1	1
<i>E. coli</i> Shiga Toxin (+)		5	12	12
Giardiasis	1	27	24	27
Gonorrhea	106	1338	1367	1516
<i>H. influenzae</i> :				
Invasive Disease		5	3	5
Hansen's Disease			2	2
Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (HUS)				
Hepatitis, Acute Viral:				
A		3	6	6
B		21	21	22
C		3	1	1
Hepatitis B: Pregnant Woman +HBsAg	2	34	33	33
Hepatitis, Chronic Viral				
B	17	231	244	254
C	93	1397	1603	1671
HIV	21	279	223	241
HIV, Perinatally exposed infants (# born to an infected mother)		19	15	19
Lead Poisoning: Children < 6 years:	1	4	6	6
Legionellosis		6	8	8
Listeriosis	1	2		1
Lyme Disease	1	7	4	12
Malaria		1	1	1
Meningitis:				
Bacterial, Cryptococcal, Mycotic	1	4	4	6
Meningococcal Disease				3
Mercury Poisoning		1		
Mumps				
Pertussis		11	8	8
Rabies, possible exposure	15	62	35	42
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever				
Salmonellosis	18	179	201	220
Shigellosis		5	35	39
Streptococcal Disease, Inv. Group A		7	15	15
<i>S. pneumoniae</i> , Inv. Disease (DR)	1	24	37	39
<i>S. pneumoniae</i> , Inv. Disease (Suscept)		21	24	24
Syphilis:				
Total	12	127	128	147
Infectious (P and S)	7	58	66	72
Early Latent	3	43	35	46
Congenital				
Late Syphilis (Late Latent; Neurosyphilis)	2	26	27	29
Tuberculosis	4	28	34	39
<i>Vibrio</i> Infections		7	11	11

Provisional cases reported by the Pinellas County Health Department. Blank cells indicate no cases reported.
 For a complete list of reportable diseases and guidelines for reporting, please visit: http://www.doh.state.fl.us/disease_ctrl/epi/index.html