

# Contact Information

Report cases to the local health department where the patient resides. If the residence is unknown, report to your own local health department. In case of emergencies or immediately reportable diseases, contact the NJDOH after hours if the local health department is unavailable.

## Bloomfield Department of Health

 973-680-4024

 BDHCommunicableDisease@bloomfieldtwpnj.com

 <https://www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com/158/Health-Department>

## Essex County Office of Public Health Management

 973-621-4111

## New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH)

 609-826-5964

**After hours:** 609-392-2020



**Make sure you can report and speak directly with a person!**

# Important Resources

## Reporting Requirements for Communicable Diseases and Work-Related Conditions

[https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/reportable\\_disease\\_magnet.pdf](https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/reportable_disease_magnet.pdf)

## NJDOH Measles Clinical Quick Guide Updated March 2025

[https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/measles/clinical\\_quick\\_guide.pdf](https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/measles/clinical_quick_guide.pdf)

## Quick Guide for Measles Specimen Collection & Testing

[https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/measles/quickguide\\_measles\\_specimen\\_collection\\_testing.pdf](https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/measles/quickguide_measles_specimen_collection_testing.pdf)

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# How to Report Measles and Other Communicable Diseases

## Bloomfield Department of Health



# What You Need to Know?

**Communicable diseases** are illnesses caused by viruses or bacteria that spread from person to person through contact with contaminated surfaces, bodily fluids, insect bites, or through the air. Certain diseases—such as measles, pertussis, and acute hepatitis A—must be reported **immediately**. Other diseases, including but not limited to chickenpox, mumps, and tetanus, are required to be reported within **24 hours**.

To learn more, please visit the first link under *Important Resources*, or scan the QR Code.



## New Jersey Reporting Requirements for Healthcare Providers

In **New Jersey**, healthcare providers, including physicians, advanced practice nurses, physician assistants, and certified nurse midwives, are required to report certain communicable diseases.

**According to New Jersey Administrative Code (N.J.A.C.) Title 8, Chapters 57 and 58.**

## What information should be reported?

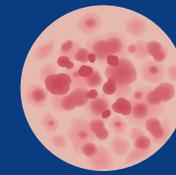
- Full Name
- Contact Information (Address & Telephone)
- Demographic Information
- Disease, Clinical Symptoms, and Onset Date
- Treatment Provided
- Immunization History
- Laboratory
- Exposure Risk Factors



## Health Department Actions and Provider Expectations

Health departments use disease reports to implement control measures, analyze trends, identify risk factors, and assess the effectiveness of prevention efforts.

During a disease investigation, healthcare providers may be contacted to provide clinical information, collect additional specimens for diagnosis, and assist in prevention activities, such as administering vaccines and antibiotics.



## Measles Key Actions

1. Ensure healthcare personnel have documented immunity on file.
2. Encourage symptomatic patients to call ahead and post signage for fever and rash.
3. Place suspected measles patients in airborne isolation and ensure staff wear N95 respirators.
4. Ask about risk factors, including recent travel or exposure to outbreaks.
5. Obtain appropriate clinical specimens.
6. Ensure patients are up-to-date with MMR vaccines.
7. Follow New Jersey Department of Health guidance in outbreak areas.
8. Report all suspected measles cases immediately to the local health department—**do not wait for lab confirmation.**

**For detailed guidance on specimen collection and testing for measles, scan the QR code below to access the New Jersey Department of Health's Quick Guide.**

