

REGULATIONS

EXCERPTS FROM THE NEVADA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE CHAPTER 441A- COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

NAC 441A.230 Duty of health care provider to report case or suspected case; content of report. (NRS 441A.120)

1. A health care provider who knows of, or provides services to, a case or suspected case shall report the case or suspected case to the health authority having jurisdiction where the office of the health care provider is located. The report must be made in the manner provided in NAC 441A.225.
2. The report must include:
 - (a) The communicable disease or suspected communicable disease.
 - (b) The name and the address or telephone number of the case or suspected case.
 - (c) The name and the address or telephone number of the health care provider making the report.
 - (d) The occupation, employer, age, sex, race and date of birth of the case or suspected case, if available.
 - (e) The date of onset and the date of diagnosis of the communicable disease.
 - (f) Any other information requested by the health authority, if available.

(Added to NAC by Board of Health, effective 1-24-92)

NAC 441A.235 Duty of director or other person in charge of medical laboratory to report findings of communicable disease; contents of report; submission of microbiologic cultures, subcultures, or other specimen or clinical material; reportable level of CD4 lymphocyte counts. (NRS 441A.120)

1. The director or other person in charge of a medical laboratory in which a test or examination of any specimen derived from the human body yields evidence suggesting the presence of any communicable disease shall:

- (a) If the laboratory is in this State, report the findings to the health authority having jurisdiction where the office of the health care provider who ordered the test or examination is located.
- (b) If the laboratory performed the test or examination on specimens obtained in this State or from residents of this State, and the laboratory is located outside of this State, report the findings to the State Health Officer.

The report must be made in the manner provided in NAC 441A.225.

2. The report must include:
 - (a) The date and result of the test or examination performed.
 - (b) The name and the age or date of birth of the person from whom the specimen was obtained.
 - (c) The name of the health care provider who ordered the test or examination.
 - (d) The name and the address or telephone number of the medical laboratory making the report.
3. The director or other person in charge of the medical laboratory shall also submit microbiologic cultures, subcultures, or other specimens or clinical material, if available, to the State Hygienic Laboratory in the Division or other laboratory designated by the State Health Officer for diagnosis, confirmation or further testing if so required by the State Health Officer pursuant to subsection 3 of NAC 441A.295.
4. A test or examination that is performed by a medical laboratory and reveals CD4 lymphocyte counts of less than 500 cells per microliter constitutes evidence suggesting the presence of a communicable disease and must be reported as required by this section.

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NAC 441A.240 Duty of director or other person in charge of medical facility to report communicable disease; report by infection control specialist; content of report. (NRS 441A.120)

1. The director or other person in charge of a medical facility who knows of or suspects the presence of a communicable disease within the medical facility shall report the communicable disease to the health authority having jurisdiction where the medical facility is located. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the report must be made in the manner provided in NAC 441A.225.
2. If a medical facility has a designated infection control specialist, administrative procedures may be established by which all communicable diseases known or suspected within the facility, including its laboratories and outpatient locations, are reported to the health authority through the facility's infection control specialist or his representative. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a director or other person in charge of a laboratory in a medical facility or a health care provider in a medical facility is not required to report a known or suspected communicable disease in the facility that is reported to the health authority by the infection control specialist in accordance with the provisions of this section.
3. The report must include:
 - (a) The communicable disease or suspected communicable disease.
 - (b) The name and the address or telephone number of the case or suspected case.
 - (c) The name, address and telephone number of the medical facility making the report.
 - (d) The occupation, employer, age, sex, race and date of birth of the case or suspected case, if available.
 - (e) The date of onset and the date of diagnosis of the disease.
 - (f) Any other information requested by the health authority, if available.

(Added to NAC by Board of Health, effective 1-24-92)

NAC 441A.255 Duty of person to report certain other persons he knows or suspects of having

communicable disease; content of report. (NRS 441A.120)

1. Any person who reasonably suspects or knows that another person has a communicable disease and knows that the other person is not receiving health care services from a health care provider shall report that person to the health authority having jurisdiction where the person making the report resides. The report must be made in the manner provided in NAC 441A.225.
2. The report must include:
 - (a) The communicable disease or suspected communicable disease.
 - (b) The name and the address or telephone number of the person known or suspected to have a communicable disease.
 - (c) The name, address and telephone number of the person making the report.
 - (d) Any other information requested by the health authority, if available.

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NAC 441A.260 Authority of State Health Officer to require reporting of certain infectious diseases; effective period of such requirements. (NRS 441A.120)

1. The State Health Officer may require the reporting of a case having an infectious disease not specified in NAC 441A.040, or a suspected case considered to have an infectious disease not specified in subsection 2 of NAC 441A.180, if:
 - (a) The disease is recently acknowledged as a public health concern;
 - (b) Epidemiologic investigation of cases or suspected cases may contribute to understanding, controlling or preventing the disease; and
 - (c) Written notification is provided to all health authorities specifying:
 - (1) The additional reporting requirements concerning the disease; and
 - (2) The justification for the additional reporting requirements.
2. A requirement of reporting an additional disease adopted by the State Health Officer pursuant to subsection 1 is effective for no

longer than 36 months from the date of written notification to health authorities of the reporting requirement.

(Added to NAC by Board of Health, effective 1-24-92)

NAC 441A.280 Duty of persons to cooperate with health authority during investigations and carrying out of measures for prevention, suppression and control of communicable diseases. (NRS 441A.120) A case, suspected case, carrier, contact or other person shall, upon request by a health authority, promptly cooperate during:

1. An investigation of the circumstances or cause of a case, suspected case, outbreak or suspected outbreak.
2. The carrying out of measures for the prevention, suppression and control of a communicable disease, including procedures of exclusion, isolation and quarantine.

(Added to NAC by Board of Health, effective 1-24-92)

NAC 441A.290 Duties of district health officer who knows, suspects or is informed of existence of communicable disease; preparation of case report; duty to inform persons of regulations relating to communicable diseases; authority to require reporting of infectious diseases. (NRS 441A.120)

NAC 441A.300 Health authority: Authorization to disclose information of personal nature to certain persons; duty to educate certain persons on transmission, prevention, control, diagnosis and treatment. (NRS 441A.120)