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### **2026 Healthcare Professional's Guide to Disease Reporting in Michigan**

Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS) has released the 2026 Healthcare Professional's Guide to Disease Reporting in Michigan. Please review documents at [Michigan.gov/mdhhs/keep-mi-healthy/communicablediseases/recentupdates](http://Michigan.gov/mdhhs/keep-mi-healthy/communicablediseases/recentupdates). The booklet is also available for review under Healthcare Provider Resources at [www.scchealth.co](http://www.scchealth.co).

Noted changes to the 2026 Michigan Reportable Disease list include the following:

- **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:** 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 (schools, daycares, long-term care facilities, and some healthcare 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 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):** added requirement for individual cases to be reported only by facilities capable of submitting electronic messages.
- **Candidiasis (Candida Auris):** added requirement for negative screening results to be reported only by laboratories capable of submitting electronic messages.
- **Hepatitis C virus:** added footnote to negative test results to add clarification that negative lab results are required to be reported by laboratories capable of submitting electronic messages.

Noted changes to the MDHHS Brick Book:

- Updated 2026 Reportable disease lists by condition & pathogen, as above, pages 6 & 11
- New reporting requirements for COVID-19, Influenza, & RSV by facilities capable of sending electronic messages (page 8)
- Updated link to Michigan's Expedited Partner Therapy (EPT) website, [www.michigan.gov/ept](http://www.michigan.gov/ept) (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 MDHHS Bureau of Laboratories (BOL) (page 15)