Michigan Law requires schools and childcare centers to report specific diseases according to Act No. 368 of the Public Acts of 1978, which states that physicians, laboratories, primary and secondary schools, child daycares, and camps are required to report the occurrence or suspected occurrence of any disease, condition, or infections as identified in the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) CD rules to your LHD within 24 hours.

It is important for schools to report to their LHD for a number of reasons, including:

- To identify disease trends, outbreaks, and epidemics
- To enable preventative treatment and/or education
- To target prevention programs, identify care needs, and allocate resources efficiently
- To inform epidemiological practice and research
- To evaluate the success of long-term control efforts
- To assist with local, state, national, and international disease surveillance efforts
Guidance from Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and Department of Education


- Schools can play a major role in helping to reduce or prevent the incidence of illness among children and adults in our communities. Encouraging good hand hygiene and following cleaning recommendations contribute to a safe and healthy learning environment for children. When schools report illness to their local health department (LHD), public health specialists can assist schools with disease prevention and control guidance. This document provides schools with general information on what steps they can take to prevent and control communicable disease.

- Concise guidelines for identifying, reporting, and responding to an illness, infection, or disease outbreak in school.
MANAGING COMMUNICABLE DISEASE IN SCHOOLS

BEDHD COVID-19 Resources:
School COVID-19 Resources – Barry-Eaton District Health Department (barryeatonhealth.org)
Guidance from Child Care Licensing Division and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

- Guidelines for identifying, reporting, and responding to an illness, infection, or disease outbreak.

COVID-19 Resources

- LARA Guidelines for Safe Child Care Operations
QUESTIONS TO ASK PARENTS/GUARDIANS WHEN REPORTING AN ILL CHILD.

Instruct parents / guardians to leave as detailed as possible message regarding their student’s absence.

- Exact nature of illness
- Onset of symptoms
- Vomiting?
- Diarrhea?
- Fever?
- Sore throat or Cough?
- Loss of taste or smell?
- Was child seen by doctor?
County Specific Sites

- For reporting schools and daycares in **Barry County**
  - [https://www.communicablediseasereporting.com/barry](https://www.communicablediseasereporting.com/barry)

- For reporting schools and daycares in **Eaton County**
  - [https://www.communicablediseasereporting.com/eaton](https://www.communicablediseasereporting.com/eaton)
Communicable Disease Reporting

Please call the Barry-Eaton District Health Department at 517-541-2641 within 24 hours if any of the following illnesses are confirmed: Measles, Mumps, Rubella (German measles), Pertussis (Whooping cough), Meningitis (viral or bacterial), Hepatitis A or B, Varicella (chickenpox), Polio, Monkeypox (MPXV), Tuberculosis (TB), Haemophilus influenzae type B, Encephalitis or an unusual occurrence or outbreak of any disease or infection.

User ID: 
Please fill out this field.
Forgot User ID?

Password: 
Forgot Password?

Hints and Tips for Using Communicable Disease Reporting

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Communicable Disease Reporting

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Weekly Communicable Disease Reporting

- Enter report for the current week, ending Friday, August 19, 2022

COVID-19 Reporting

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- Create new COVID-19 report

Other

- Sign Out

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If there are no illnesses to report

- Select the box indicating Nothing to Report
- Submit button at bottom of page
- YOU ARE DONE!
Immediate Reporting of Serious Communicable Disease or Outbreak

- In addition to reporting aggregate and individual cases, call your local Health Department **IMMEDIATELY** (517) 541-2641 to report any of the following serious illnesses:

  - Measles
  - Mumps
  - Rubella
  - Chickenpox
  - Pertussis
  - Haemophilus Influenza Type B
  - Hepatitis
  - Meningitis
  - Encephalitis
  - Tuberculosis

- Unusual disease occurrences and outbreaks are also **IMMEDIATELY** reportable to your LHD. An outbreak is defined as any increase in a certain type of illness. Note: if you are not certain an illness needs to be reported call your health department representative for further assistance.

- **Call our Case Investigation Line to report outbreaks: (517) 541-2641**
WEEKLY CD REPORTING: SECTION 3

- Fill in weekly total for each of the sections.
  - Influenza-like -- fever PLUS sore throat, cough and / or body aches
  - Gastrointestinal – vomiting and / or diarrhea
  - Unknown – Parents left no reason, “just not going to be in today” or “sick”

**Section 3:**
Please include the NUMBER of cases. Do not list individually in the section above.

- **Influenza Like Illness (Respiratory Flu):**
  - Fever of 100 degrees or more PLUS any of the following: Sore throat, cough, body aches

- **Gastrointestinal Illness ('Stomach Flu'):**
  - Any child with vomiting and/or diarrhea

- **Unknown Illness:**
  - Parent reports 'my child is sick'
WEEKLY CD REPORTING: SECTION 4

- Record specific illness/diagnosis that is reported by parent/guardian
  - Should not be reported in this section if symptoms fit into section 3
- See list provided in section 4 or add to the “other” box provided
  - List anything reported to you that does not fit into section 3 or is not already specifically listed in this section.

Section 4:
Please Include the NUMBER of cases. Do not list individually in the section above.

Cold/Bronchitis: _____________________________  Sore Throat (only):________________________
Fever: ________________________________  Scarlet Fever / Strep Throat: ________________________
Fifth Disease: ___________________________  Pink Eye: _________________________________
Lice: _________________________________  Scabies: _________________________________
Impetigo: ______________________________  Ring Worm: ____________________________
Mononucleosis: ___________________________  Other: _________________________________

Disease Name: _____________________________  Disease Count: ___________________________
Mark this box if school was closed due to excessive illness related absences.

Please contact the Health Department in the event of a necessary closure due to illness.

**Section 5:**

Did school close this week due to excessive absences?  ○ Yes  ○ No

**Don’t forget to submit your report.**

Select submit to send report to the Health Department.
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COVID-19 REPORTING

- Report COVID-19 cases daily.
- If a student tests positive through the school’s antigen testing program, their case must be reported within 4 hours using this link: https://newmibridges.michigan.gov/s/isd-antigen-testing-results?language=en_US
If you complete the Close Contacts section of the form, you DO NOT need to email us the contact tracing spreadsheet that was used in previous years.

BEDHD is not currently requiring contact tracing. We may require it depending on MDHHS guidance or in some outbreak situations.
COVID-19 REPORTING: STAFF & STUDENT GROUPS

- Please use Question #22 to list:
  - If the case is a staff member or student
  - What grade the student is in & their teacher’s name or classroom #
  - Bus numbers, sports teams, or other significant groups.

22) Please share any other information that could be helpful to know at this time.
Reports are due by the end of the day every **FRIDAY**.

**Automated** reminders are emailed every Friday morning and Monday morning.

If a holiday falls on a Friday or a Monday and the school will be closed, the Report is due the previous day, or before the holiday break/weekend.
CONTACT INFORMATION

General Communicable Disease Questions:
- (517) 541-2677
- Schools@bedhd.org

CD Reporting / Website Issues:
- Racheal Clark
- (269) 798-4125
- Rclark@bedhd.org

CD Case Investigation / Outbreak Reporting:
- (517) 541-2641