

Local Public Health & Communicable Disease Work

Presentation to the Joint House and Senate Appropriations
Committee On Health and Human Services

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HB108: Local Communicable Disease programs/Funds

*Thank
you*



Recent Funding : SL 2021-180

SEC. 9G. 11 FUNDS TO EXPAND LOCAL COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS THE IMPACTS OF THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

- Agreement Addendum (AA) 546: Communicable Disease Funding
 - Rabies Vaccines
 - Communicable Disease Support Staff
 - Environmental Health Staffing

SEC. 9G. 13 RESERVATION OF CDC COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE/PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE

- AA 620: School Health
 - Social workers in schools

This is Local Public Health..

Mandated Services*

NC Electronic Disease Surveillance System NC EDSS EVENT ID#

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Public Health - Epidemiology Section
Communicable Disease Branch

NC Public Health
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Confidential Communicable Disease Report—Part 1

NAME OF DISEASE / CONDITION

ATTENTION HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS:
Please report relevant clinical findings about this disease event to the local health department.

Patient's Last Name First Middle Initial Maiden/Other Alias

Birth date (mm/dd/yyyy) Sex M F Trans. Patient or Guardian (if minor) Medical Record Number

Patient's Street Address City State ZIP County Phone

Age Age Type Race (check all that apply):
 Years White Asian Hispanic Other Non-Hispanic
 Months Black/African American Other Non-Hispanic
 Weeks American Indian/Alaska Native Unknown
 Days Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

Ethnic Origin: Asian Hispanic Other Non-Hispanic

Was patient hospitalized for this disease? (>24 hours) Yes No
 Did patient die from this disease? Yes No
 Is the patient pregnant? Yes No

Date / /

Patient is associated with (check all that apply):
 Child Care (child, household contact, or worker in child care)
 School (student or worker)
 College/University (student or worker)
 Food Service (food worker)
 Health Care (health care worker)
 Correctional Facility (inmate or worker)
 Long Term Care Facility (inmate or worker)
 Military (active military, dependent, or recent retiree)
 Travel (outside continental United States in last 30 days)

In what geographic location was the patient MOST LIKELY exposed?
 In patient's county of residence
 Outside county, but within NC - County: _____
 Out of state - State/Territory: _____
 Out of USA - Country: _____
 Unknown

CLINICAL INFORMATION

When was patient symptomatic for this disease? Y N U
 If yes, symptoms onset date (mm/dd/yyyy) / /

If sexually transmitted disease, give specific treatment details:
 1. Date patient treated (mm/dd/yyyy) Medication: _____ Dosage: _____ Duration: _____
 2. Date patient treated (mm/dd/yyyy) Medication: _____ Dosage: _____ Duration: _____

DIAGNOSTIC TESTING

Provide lab information below and fax copy of lab results and other pertinent records to local health department.

Specimen Date	Specimen #	Specimen Source	Type of Test	Test Results	Description (comments)	Result Date	Lab Name - City/State
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Reporting Physician/Practitioner: _____ Health Care Provider for this disease (if not reporting physician): _____
 Contact Person/Title: _____ Contact Person/Title: _____
 Phone: () - () - () Fax: () - () - () Phone: () - () - () Fax: () - () - ()

LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

Initial Date of Report to Public Health: / /

Initial Source of Report to Public Health:
 Health Care Provider (specify):
 Hospital Private clinic/practice Health Department Correctional facility Laboratory Other

Is the patient part of an outbreak of this disease? Yes No

Outbreak setting: Household/Community (specify index case) _____
 Residential/Hotel Assisted living facility
 Child care Adult day care
 Long term care School Name of facility: _____
 Healthcare setting Prison Address of facility: _____
 Adult care home



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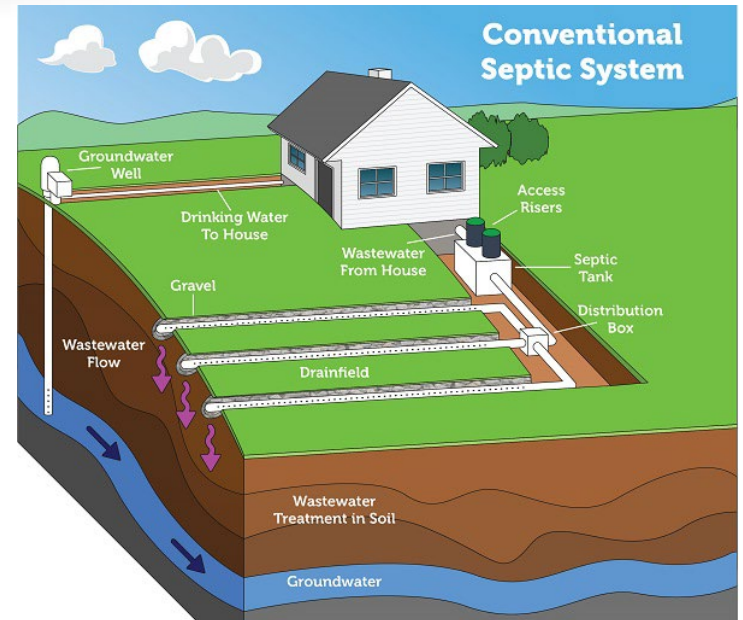
Office of Vital Statistics
Certification of Birth
NORTH CAROLINA

Name: _____ State File No: _____
 Date of birth: _____ Sex: _____
 Place of birth: _____
 Certificate number: _____
 Date filed: _____ Date issued: _____
 Mother's maiden name: _____
 Father's name: _____

WARNING

Signature: _____

***Services that must be provided by the Local Public Health Department**



This too is Local Public Health



Ensured Services*

***Services that must be available to those in the community served, but not necessarily provided by the Health Department.**



This is Local Public Health

Davidson County, NC



What is a communicable disease?

Smallpox

Salmonella

Hepatitis

E. Coli

Pertussis/Whooping Cough

Food Borne Illness

Rubella

Malaria

COVID-19

Typhoid

Syphilis

Tuberculosis

Ebola

Legionella



4th person dead in Legionnaires' outbreak tied to hot tubs at North Carolina state fair

Nearly 150 people who attended the fair and walked by a hot tub display were sickened, the state's Department of Health and Human Services said.

U.S. to Begin Screening Air Passengers From Uganda for Ebola

There are no cases in the United States, but federal health officials also urged doctors to be vigilant for patients with symptoms.

 Give this article    43



Medical personnel left an Ebola isolation section of the Mubende Regional Referral Hospital in Uganda last month. Hajarrah Nalwadda/Associated Press

Tarheel Q remains closed; 200 cases of salmonella reported

Posted June 29, 2015 3:21 p.m. EDT



NCDHHS Reports Increase in Hepatitis A Outbreak, Urges Vaccination

Davidson County Communicable Disease Response

- Hepatitis Vaccines in the homeless shelter and jail
- Tuberculosis cases
- Decedent donations
- Norovirus outbreak at a local catering facility
- Investigation of mysterious illness among children in a community
 - Public swimming pool malfunctioning pump system



The need...

- Recurring funding to improve ability to prevent and respond to typical communicable disease issues
- Resources to facilitate strengthening relationships in the community to improve response
- State-wide efforts, communicable diseases do not stop at the county line

Questions?

Thank you for your leadership and
consideration.

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