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Mandatory Disease Reporting of Communicable Diseases to the State

Dear Regional Pathology Services Clients,

According to Title 173 from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services reporting of certain communicable diseases to the State is required. Reporting must be done by the healthcare providers, laboratories, or other healthcare facilities.

In order to assist our clients and to comply with the statute, certain information is requested from the ordering provider/facility. We ask our clients to provide the information below for any test ordered. **We ask that clients comply with these changes by February 10, 2020.**

The following information is required in order for the Division of Public Health to report the disease, syndrome, or exposure necessary to monitor, prevent, or control the disease, syndrome, or exposure and to protect public health.

1. Patient first and last name
2. Patient address including street, city, and zip
3. Patient phone number
4. Patient date of birth
5. Patient gender
6. Date of specimen collection
7. Specimen source
8. Ordered test
9. Submitting provider's name
10. Submitting Provider Unique ID (NPI#, or other unique identifier)
11. Submitting provider's address
12. Submitting provider's telephone number

Highlighted information above is frequently not provided but will be required moving forward

To access the full statute and the list of communicable diseases that have mandatory reporting click the [LINK](#)

Clients that are interfaced can confirm if they are sending us this demographic information by contacting rpsinterfacesupport@unmc.edu. If you are unable to provide the laboratory with this information please contact Theresa Faure at tdfaure@unmc.edu (402-559-7671) so that we may find an alternate solution.

If you have any questions or issues with these changes please contact client services at 402-559-6420 and ask to speak with one of the client coordinators.
