



Alberta Public Health Disease Management Guidelines

Disease in Unusual Form



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Case Definition

Confirmed Case

- Any disease or infection of known etiology that behaves in an unexpected way.

OR

- Any cluster of symptoms of unknown etiology that does not fit any recognizable clinical picture.

Reporting Requirements

Physicians, Health Practitioners and Others

Physicians, health practitioners and others who have reason to suspect the existence of a communicable disease in an unusual form, including an unusually high rate, shall notify the Medical Officer of Health (MOH) (or designate) of the zone of all confirmed cases in the prescribed form by the Fastest Means Possible (FMP).

Laboratories

All laboratories shall report all positive laboratory results by FMP to the MOH (or designate) of the zone and the Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) (or designate).

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- The MOH (or designate) of the zone where the case currently resides shall forward the initial Notifiable Disease Report (NDR) of all confirmed cases to the CMOH within one week of notification and the final NDR (amendment) within two weeks of notification.
- For out-of-province and out-of-country reports, the following information should be forwarded to the CMOH (or designate) by FMP:
 - name,
 - date of birth,
 - out-of-province health care number,
 - out-of-province address and phone number,
 - positive laboratory report, and
 - other relevant clinical/epidemiological information.
- For out-of-province and out-of-country susceptible contacts the following information should be forwarded to the CMOH (or designate) by FMP:
 - name,
 - date of birth, and
 - out-of-province/country contact information.

Appendix 1: Revision History

Revision Date	Document Section	Description of Revision
October 2021	General	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Updated Template