

WHY

...are there certain conditions that are mandatory to report?

The ND Department of Health (NDDoH) shall designate the diseases or conditions that must be reported. Designated diseases or conditions may include any illness or injury which may have a significant impact on public health.

...does certain information need to be reported?

Collecting data on age, gender, race, employment/occupation, etc., allows us to look for patterns and trends that may indicate areas for the implementation of prevention efforts. Data from an individual is aggregated to get a "big picture" understanding of the group population as a whole.

WHEN

...should these conditions be reported?

Some conditions should be reported immediately; those are noted on the list by the color red at health.nd.gov/rc. Others can be reported within one to seven days of confirmation of that report. The purpose of timely reporting is to identify near real-time illness or injury increases to ensure early intervention.

WHO

...should be reported?

All patients that are seen in a North Dakota facility, including hospitals, clinics, testing laboratories and pharmacies, for any reportable condition/disease/injury should be reported to the NDDoH, regardless of patient residence. It is important to not only understand the number of people in ND affected by the condition, but also the burden on health care facilities.

WHAT

...conditions are reportable?

Effective 1/1/20, (NDCC 23-07-01 and NDAC 33-06-01) the following were added to the mandatory reportable conditions list:

- Suicide (attempts and completions)
- Overdose
- Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
- Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome
- Acute Flaccid Myelitis
- *Candida Auris*
- Critical Congenital Heart Disease
- Cyclosporiasis
- Leptospirosis
- Violent deaths

WHERE

...does the data go that we collect?

Under state law, reportable conditions are confidential and stored in a secure database.

All personal information is kept in a secured environment and is password protected. Access is limited to those designated by the NDDoH.

We will post basic statewide numbers on the website, similar to what we are doing now with the suicide, overdose and opioid dashboards.

HOW

...is the NDDoH improving efficiency for reporting?

Reporting can take time & resources. Much like automated lab reporting, our goal is to find ways to automate these reports to reduce manual entry.

FAQs

Who should be reporting?

As with all other reportable conditions, there is a list of people who should report. This list includes physicians, hospitals, outpatient facilities, teachers, laboratories, etc.

The full list can be found online at health.nd.gov/reporting

How do I know which suicide attempts need to be reported?

ONLY acute cases presenting to the emergency department (whether conscious or unconscious) that require hospitalization/observation. Past suicide attempts among those seeking treatment/help, do not need to be reported.

What constitutes an overdose?

ONLY acute cases presenting to the emergency department (whether conscious or unconscious) that require hospitalization/observation. Overdoses include those due to the excessive "recreational" use of drugs, poisons, alcohol, medications, etc.

How do I contact the Office of the State Epidemiologist?

Email the Office of the State Epidemiologist at dohstateepi@nd.gov with any questions or visit health.nd.gov/mrc-info for more information.