

To: Vermont Healthcare Providers, Clinical Laboratories, Pharmacists, School Health Officials, and Veterinarians
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Updates to Vermont's Reportable Disease Rule

Vermont's Reportable and Communicable Diseases Rule has been updated. The new rule will be effective June 10, 2026.

Requested Actions

- Please review the final, adopted [Reportable and Communicable Disease Rule](#). The key updates are outlined below. After June 9, 2026, the [Reportable Disease web page](#) will be updated.
- Starting on June 10, 2026, please report clinical conditions and laboratory findings to the Health Department according to the updated rule.

Epidemiologists are available to assist you 24/7 at 802-863-7240, option 2.

Key Updates to the Rule

The updated rule includes the following changes:

1. Clarifies that positive tuberculin skin test (TST) results should be reported by telephone within 24 hours.
2. Blood lead results still need to be reported, however, the requirements are now under a different rule: [Section 6 of the Blood Lead Screening, Reporting and Response Rule](#).
3. Re-organizes the list of reportable diseases and laboratory findings to group arboviruses in humans under a combined "arboviral disease" category and clarifies that arboviral encephalitis is a reportable disease in humans.
4. Clarifies that any *Babesia* species should be reported, rather than exclusively listing *Babesia microti*, *Babesia divergens*, and *Babesia duncani*.
5. Changes the required reporting period for Brucellosis and laboratory findings of *Brucella* species from "immediately" to "within 24 hours."

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6. Requires reporting of resistance mechanism results (if known) for the following laboratory findings:
 - a. Carbapenem-resistant *Acinetobacter baumannii* (CRAB) infection/colonization
 - b. Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacterales (CRE) infection/colonization
 - c. Carbapenem-resistant *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (CRPA) infection/colonization
7. Removes the following diseases from the list of reportable diseases and laboratory findings in humans:
 - a. COVID-19 (COVID-19-related pediatric deaths are still reportable)
 - b. SARS-CoV-2
 - c. Encephalitis (unspecified)
 - d. Subclinical infection with Zika virus
 - e. Clinical reports of Lyme disease (*Borrelia burgdorferi* **laboratory results are still reportable**)
8. Adds the following diseases to the list of reportable diseases and laboratory findings in animals:
 - a. B virus (herpesvirus B)
 - b. Hemorrhagic fever viruses
 - c. Melioidosis (*Burkholderia pseudomallei*)
9. Removes SARS-CoV-2 infection from the list of reportable diseases and laboratory findings in animals.

If you have any questions, please contact Emily Mosites at emily.mosites@vermont.gov.

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