

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

POLICY STATEMENT

It is the Bay of Plenty District Health Board's (BOPDHB) aim that all notifiable diseases, and occasionally other diseases as required by the Ministry of Health (MoH), are notified to the Medical Officer of Health per the below:

1. Any patient presenting with (or suspected of having) a disease listed on the notifiable disease schedule will be notified to the Medical Officer of Health by the clinician responsible. This responsibility may at times be delegated to the Clinical Nurse Specialists - Infection Control.
2. Notification may be verbal, by e-mail or on a case report form – refer to Notifiable Diseases form.
3. Medical staff shall notify the Medical Officer of Health within agreed notification timeframes – refer to Notifiable Diseases form.
4. While direct notification of notifiable diseases is now made from PathLab to the Medical Officer of Health, this does not remove the responsibility to notify diseases as detailed above.

PURPOSE

- To ensure that public health control measures are initiated in the community.
- To ensure that national epidemiological data is gathered.

EXCLUSIONS

There are no exclusions.

REFERENCES

- [Health Act 1956, Schedule 1, Diseases Notifiable in NZ](#) (include suspected cases*)
- [Communicable Disease Control Manual Ministry of Health NZ](#)

ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Infection Control protocol IC.C2.0 Communicable Diseases
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Infection Control protocol IC.C2.3 Communicable Diseases - Cross-Infection Outbreak Management
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Infection Control protocol IC.C2.4 Communicable Diseases – Management of Staff with a Communicable Disease
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Infection Control protocol IC.C2.5 Communicable Diseases – Scabies Management
- Toi Te Ora Public Health Service, Notification of Infectious Diseases form

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