

MLS Laboratory Update: MDH Requests Comments Relating to Communicable Disease Reporting

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Purpose of this Message:

To inform MLS Laboratories that MDH is requesting comments as we consider modifications to the Communicable Disease Reporting rule.

Action Item:

Please provide any comments by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 20, 2023. Website:
<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/reportable/rule/change/comments.html>

Background:

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) is considering modifications to the communicable disease reporting rules through the rulemaking process. This rulemaking process will address new and emerging communicable diseases, remove unnecessary provisions, clarify reporting conditions, and address other technical changes.

MDH published the “Request for Comments” in the January 17, 2023, State Register and will be accepting comments until 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 20, 2023. You can obtain more information on the possible changes and the rulemaking process at the MDH Rulemaking Website at www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/reportable/rule/change/index.html

Comments should be sent to the agency contact person, Patricia Segal Freeman, at P.O. Box 64975, St. Paul, MN 55164-00975, phone (651) 201-5414 or 1-877-676-5414; fax (651) 201-5501; or email health.Commdisrule@state.mn.us.

MDH will publish the specific modifications to the Communicable Disease Reporting Rules at a later date as part of the “Notice of Intent to Adopt.”

Thank you for your comments,

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