



## **ALERT FOR CLINICIANS**

### **New online form for notifiable infectious diseases and related conditions**

#### **KEY POINTS**

- An **online notification form** for clinicians to report notifiable infectious diseases and related conditions to the WA Department of Health is now available.
- While existing methods of notification (mail and fax) remain available, clinicians are encouraged to notify electronically.
- Clinicians must continue to notify **urgently** notifiable infectious diseases (only) by **phone** to their local [public health unit](#), or the on-call public health physician via 1800 434 122 if after-hours.

#### **New online notification form**

- A new online form for reporting notifiable infectious diseases is now live: <https://redcap.link/wa-disease-notification-form>.
- The online notification form aims to reduce administrative burden, streamline workflows, and minimise data processing delays, allowing for a timely public health response.
- The online form replaces the need to fax or mail the completed form.
- When submitting the form, an option is available to download a copy of the completed form in PDF format for record-keeping purposes.
- The form is hosted on a secure data collection platform that complies with data protection and security protocols.
- For assistance with using the online notification form or to report any issues, please contact [EpiSurvDiseaseControl@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:EpiSurvDiseaseControl@health.wa.gov.au) or visit the [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

#### **Legal requirement to notify**

- Under the [Public Health Act 2016](#) and [Public Health Regulations 2017](#), medical and nurse practitioners are legally required to notify the WA Health Department if they suspect a patient has a notifiable infectious disease or related condition.
- See [Notification of infectious diseases and related conditions](#) for further information.
- Demographic and disease specific information is collected for all notifiable infectious diseases, with additional details requested for certain diseases such as infectious syphilis and gonorrhoea.

#### **Staying informed about notifiable infectious diseases**

- Data on notifiable infectious diseases and related conditions is available via the Department of Health [Notifiable infectious disease dashboard](#).
- This interactive dashboard provides up-to-date communicable disease data, including number and rate of notifiable diseases by year, age, sex, Aboriginal status and public health region.
- Clinicians are encouraged to subscribe to Infectious Diseases Health Alerts via the [CDCD subscription](#) page.
- Subscribers are asked to provide their occupation and organisation (or clinic name) to remain on the list, as membership is reviewed periodically.
- Printable PDF versions of the alerts are also available on the [Infectious Diseases Health Alerts](#) page.
- Clinicians are encouraged to share Infectious Diseases Health Alerts within their unit or practice to ensure all team members stay informed about notifiable infectious diseases in WA.

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