

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL Registered Nurses and Nurses Practitioners

FROM: Dr. Claudia Sarbu, Chief Medical Officer of Health

RE: DUTY TO REPORT – NOTIFIABLE DISEASES LIST
Required according to the law

DATE: July 2, 2019

The New *PUBLIC HEALTH PROTECTION AND PROMOTION ACT (PHPPA)* was enacted on July 1, 2019. This Act mandates the health care professionals with the DUTY TO REPORT a set of communicable diseases known as “*Notifiable Diseases*”.

This new modern legislation will strengthen the collaboration between health care practitioners and the Public Health team in all aspects of promoting and protecting the health of our population.

Medical Officers of Health (MOH) have the legal mandate to protect the health of the population by ensuring appropriate Communicable Disease Control (CDC). In achieving this goal your contribution is essential in the timely reporting of these diseases to the Regional Medical Officers of Health, the CDC and Infection prevention and Control representatives across the province.

The Notifiable Disease list and the written report are attached to this correspondence. Please note the diseases for which **suspect or confirmed diagnosis** require **immediate** reporting to the MOH on-call.

Failing to comply with Duty to Report may result in verbal and written notifications. In situations where repeated offences are recorded for the same practitioner, the MOH may report the lack of compliance with the PHPPA to the Association of Registered Nurses of Newfoundland and Labrador

Increased international travelling that accelerates the transmission of pathogens, the emergence of pathogens like SARS, MersCov, hemorrhagic fever viruses, pandemic influenza, as well as the bioterrorism and the reduced immunization rates in other countries are posing real threat for the public. Vigilance must be maintained and the protection of the public requires your collaboration and compliance with the new legislation.

Thank you for your anticipated collaboration,



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