

MEMO

Clarifications Regarding Respiratory Disease Reporting Changes

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The following clarifications are provided regarding the respiratory disease reporting changes that became effective January 1, 2024 (North Dakota Administrative Rule 33-06-01).

Influenza is a mandatory reportable condition via electronic laboratory reporting (ELR). All novel cases and all pediatric deaths are also reportable, regardless of [ELR](#).

Clarification: Only ELR positive reports are now required with the exception of pediatric deaths and novel influenza. Facilities, providers, and other reporters are not required to report seasonal influenza cases using the on-line report card, fax, mail, or telephone. If these are reported by another means besides ELR, they will not get entered in our surveillance system, so please do not report these.

However, **influenza pediatric deaths** are reportable, regardless if ELR or not (there is a specific selection on the [on-line report card](#) for these reports or you can call 701-328-2378).

If an **Influenza A Unsubtypable** is identified, this also needs to be reported regardless of ELR or not. Unsubtypable flu are identified by those tests that can differentiate between H1 or H3 subtypes. If a flu A positive is identified but not positive for either H1 or H3, it could be a novel flu and needs to be reported to Disease Control (there is a specific selection on the [on-line report card](#) for these reports or you can call 701-328-2378).

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) is now a mandatory reportable condition through ELR. All pediatric RSV deaths are also reportable through any process (i.e., fax, phone call, online).

Clarification: Only ELR positive reports are required with the exception of pediatric deaths. Facilities, providers, and other reporters are not required to report RSV cases using the on-line report card, fax, mail, or telephone. If these are reported by another means besides ELR, they will not get entered in our surveillance system, so please do not report these.

However, **RSV pediatric deaths** are reportable, regardless if ELR or not (there is a specific selection on the [on-line report card](#) for these reports or you can call 701-328-2378).

Severe acute respiratory syndrome-associated coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is now a mandatory reportable condition through ELR. Additionally, all pediatric deaths are also reportable.

Clarification: Only ELR positive reports are required with the exception of pediatric deaths. Facilities, providers, and other reporters are not required to report COVID-19 cases using the on-line report card, fax, mail, or telephone. If these are reported by another means besides ELR, they will not get entered in our surveillance system, so please do not report these.

However, **COVID-19 pediatric deaths** are reportable, regardless if ELR or not (there is a specific selection on the [on-line report card](#) for these reports or you can call 701-328-2378).

Respiratory Panel test results are now a mandatory reportable condition through ELR.

Clarification: Only **ELR positive reports** are required. Facilities, providers, and other reporters are not required to report respiratory panel positives using the on-line report card, fax, mail, or telephone. If these are reported by another means besides ELR, they will not get entered in our surveillance system, so please do not report these.

All Nosocomial Outbreaks* are reportable to Disease Control (this includes respiratory, and non-respiratory related outbreaks) – Although only reportable via ELR, outbreaks of influenza, RSV, COVID-19, or other respiratory diseases at a healthcare facility (facility transmission is occurring) need to be reported using the online [outbreak reporting form](#) or by calling 701-328-2378.

* This was not a change to the January 2024 rule updates