

MINDING THE GAP

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Upcoming Events

National Conference on Correctional Health Care Oct 17-21, 2015

Oregon ACDP Communicable Disease 101 and 303 Trainings October 22-23 Bend Oregon

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Oregon Reporting Requirements

he health and safety of all Oregonians is important and correctional health staff play a significant role as frontline care providers in disease prevention and control in Oregon. Incarcerated populations are disproportionately affected by certain infectious diseases, such as <u>STI's</u>, <u>hepatitis B and</u> C, TB, and HIV. Institutional settings also present higher



Norovirus photo from the CDC PHI

risk of respiratory and skin infections. Appropriate medical care, diagnosis, treatment and timely reporting of notifiable conditions can improve and protect the health and safety of incarcerated patients, correctional staff and the community.

When a reportable public health disease or incident is recognized, it is important to document the occurrence so a response, such as a consultation or investigation, is undertaken. Sometimes facilities are apprehensive about public health investigations, but prompt reporting to and investigation by public health staff allows for rapid implementation of control measures and prevention of additional cases. Investigation goals include identification of risk factors for spread of ilnfection, and identifying, recommending and implementing corrective actions to protecting incarcerated persons, fellow staff members and community members.

Communicable Disease Reporting

The <u>Oregon Public Health Division's</u> <u>Acute and Communicable Disease Program</u> (ACDP) maintains on-line and printed information that includes the state's <u>Reportable Diseases</u>, current <u>Communicable Disease Reporting Rules</u>, and information for <u>health care providers</u> and <u>local health departments</u>, including <u>investigative guide-lines</u>, <u>notifiable disease case report forms</u> and downloadable <u>Disease Reporting</u> <u>posters</u>. Lastly, the <u>Oregon Public Health Division</u> publishes weekly, monthly, annually <u>reports</u> to inform health care providers and the public about infections identified in Oregon.

Who is required to report communicable disease?

In Oregon, all health care providers and laboratorians are required by law to report <u>certain diseases or conditions</u> to the <u>local health departments</u>. The <u>timing of the</u>

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Mycobacterium tuberculosis from CDC PHIL

Reporting Requirements in Oregon cont.

<u>health care provider reports</u> is specified to reflect the severity of the illness or condition and the potential value of rapid intervention by public health agencies.

How and where to report communicable disease?

When the <u>communicable disease contact</u> within the <u>local public health depart-</u> <u>ment</u> cannot be reached within the specified time limits, reports must be made directly to <u>OHA-ACDP</u>, which maintains an around-the-clock public health consultative service.

What about confidentiality?

Incarceration presents unique confidentiality issues for health care providers. Protecting the health of persons incarcerated in your facility, correctional employees, visitors and recent outside contacts may require the reporting of specific protected health information of individuals. The <u>Health Information Privacy</u> <u>Rule</u> permits covered entities to disclose protected health information without authorization for specific health purposes. The <u>CDC</u> and the <u>Office of Civil</u> <u>Rights</u> have also issued guidance on HIPAA. It is important to understand <u>Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs) related to Investigation and Control of Disease</u>, your entity status and facility protocols.

Is there training available for health care providers?

The CDC offers <u>epidemiologic case studies</u> for on -line learning. The Acute and Communicable Disease Program offers Communicable Disease Training series that <u>e.coli photo from CDC PHIL</u>

includes Communica-



ble Disease Control: The

Basics (CD 101) and Outbreak Investigation Essentials (CD 303).

The Fall 2015 CD training series is scheduled for Oct 22 and 23rd in Bend, OR.

- The *CD 101* course covers the basics of communicable diseases, reporting requirements for notifiable diseases in Oregon, the use of the Oregon Investigative Guidelines for disease prevention and control, interviewing techniques for cases and controls, and proper specimen handling for transport to OSPHL.
- The CD 303 course focuses on disease surveillance, descriptive epidemiology, interviewing and questionnaire development, study design and analytic methods, elements of decision making, and basic steps in outbreak investigation.

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Additional Information & Resources

Definitions and FREE Trainings

- Online Dictionary of Epidemiology (5th ed.) International Epidemiology Association (IEA)
- FREE Oregon in-person Fall 2015 Communicable Disease 101 and 301
- FREE CDC on-line course <u>Principles of Epi in Public Health Practice</u>

HIPPA, Public Health Reporting and Confidentiality

- HIPPA Special Topics—Public Health
- CDC on Public Health and HIPPA Guidance
- <u>Corrections, Law Enforcement and the Courts, HIPPA</u> (fact sheet)

Correctional Health Management and ID Guidance Documents

- <u>FBOP Health Management Guidelines</u>
- FBOP Report on Infectious Disease Management
- ODOC Infection and Control Program Policy and Procedure Document

Correctional Public Health

- National Commission on Correctional Health Care
- <u>National Institute of Corrections</u>
- <u>CDC—Correctional Health</u>
- <u>NCJRS—Corrections Health</u>

PubMed Articles

- Infection control in jails and prisons
- Health information exchange between jails and their communities: A bridge that is needed under healthcare reform
- <u>The critical link between healthcare and jail</u>
- How healthcare can transform the health of criminal justice involved individuals
- Vaccinations in prisons: A shot in the arm for community health

2015 NIC Virtual Conference Correctional Staff Wellness

- Held on June 10, 2015.
- Audio and presentation materials are available online.

Deschutes County Health Department's syringe drop box in Bend, OR



Local PH Dept. CD Reporting Phone Numbers

LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT NUMBERS IN OREGON

(updated Jul 2015)

County	General	CD Nurse	CD Fax	Env Health	Animal Bites	After Hours CD
Baker	541-523-8211	General	541-523-8242	General	General	541-523-8211
Benton	541-766-6835	General	541-766-6197	541-766-6841	EH	541-766-6835
Clackamas	503-655-8411	503-655-8411	503-742-5389	503-655-8411	EH	503-655-8411
Clatsop	503-325-8500	General	503-325-8678	General	General	503-325-8500
Columbia	503-397-4651	General	503-397-1424	503-397-4651 x2019	EH	503-397-4651
Coos	541-751-2400	General	541-751-2654	541-751-2431	EH	541-751-2400
Crook	541-447-5165	General	541-447-3093	541-447-8155	General	541-447-5165
Curry	541-247-3300	541-469-4626	541-247-5601	541-247-3254	EH	541-247-3300
Deschutes	541-322-7400	541-322-7418	541-382-1440	541-388-6566	CD	541-322-7400
Douglas	541-440-3571	541-440-3684	541-464-3914	541-440-3686	EH	541-440-3571
Gilliam*	541-506-2600	General	541-384-3121	541-506-2603	General	541-506-2600
Grant	541-575-0429	General	541-575-3604	General	General	541-575-0429
Harney	541-573-2271	541-573-2271	541-573-8388	541-575-0429	EH	541-573-2271
Hood River	541-386-1115	541-387-7110	541-386-9181	541-387-6882	General	541-386-1115
Jackson	541-774-8209	General	541-774-7986	541-774-8206	General	541-774-8209
Jefferson	541-475-4456	General	541-475-0132	General	General	541-475-4456
Josephine	541-474-5325	General	541-474-5353	General	General	541-474-5325
Klamath	541-882-8846	541-882-8846 x3437	541-850-5399	541-883-1122	General	541-882-8846
Lake	541-947-6045	General	541-947-4563	General	General	541-947-6045
Lane	541-682-4041	General	541-682-2455	541-682-4480	EH	541-682-4041
Lincoln	541-265-4112	General	541-265-4191	541-265-4127	EH	541-265-4112
Linn	541-967-3888	541-967-3888 x2488	541-924-6911	541-967-3821	EH	541-967-3888
Malheur	541-889-7279	541-889-7279	541-889-8468	541-473-5186	EH	541-889-7279
Marion	503-588-5342	503-588-5621	503-588-2920	503-588-5346	EH	503-588-5342
Morrow	541-676-5421	General	541-676-5652	541-278-6394	General	541-676-5421
Multnomah	503-988-3674	503-988-3406	503-988-3407	503-988-3400	CD	503-988-3674
Polk	503-623-8175	General	503-831-3499	503-623-9237 x1142	EH	503-623-8175
Sherman*	541-506-2600	General	541-506-2601	541-506-2603	General	541-506-2600
Tillamook	503-842-3900	503-842-3912	503-842-3983	503-842-3902	EH	503-842-3900
Umatilla	541-278-5432	General	541-278-5433	General	General	541-278-5432
Union	541-962-8800	541-910-7209	541-963-0520	General	541-910-7209	541-962-8800
Wallowa	541-426-4848	General	541-426-3627	General	General	541-426-4848
Wasco*	541-506-2600	General	541-506-2601	541-506-2603	General	541-506-2600
Washington	503-846-8881	503-846-3594	503-846-3644	503-846-8722	503-846-3594	503-846-8881
Wheeler	541-763-2725	General	541-763-2850	General	General	541-763-2725
Yamhill	503-434-7525	503-434-7483	503-434-7549	General	CD	503-434-7525

*operated jointly as North Central Public Health District

Health Awareness Days (Sept — November)

National Recovery Month (Sept)

Domestic Violence Awareness Month (Oct)

National Latino AIDS Awareness Day (Oct 15th)

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