

Title: Notice of Proposed Permanent Rulemaking for OAR chapter 333, division 18 – Amending and repealing rules relating to reportable diseases

To: Interested Parties

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The Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Public Health Division (PHD), Acute and Communicable Disease Prevention (ACDP) Section is proposing to permanently amend Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs) in chapter 333, division 18 relating to disease reporting requirements. Proposed amendments align Oregon's list of select biological agents and toxins with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) select agent lists; clarify reporting requirements for toxigenic diphtheria, brucellosis, arthropod vector-borne infections and conditions, and non-respiratory nontuberculous mycobacteria (NTM); and streamline COVID-19 requirements by maintaining reportability of COVID-19 pediatric deaths and multisystem inflammatory syndrome (MIS-C), while removing requirements for test results, cases, and adult deaths, which are no longer needed since COVID-19 is no longer a generally reportable disease in Oregon.

For more details, including a description of each rule's proposed changes, please see the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, including the Statement of Need and Fiscal and Racial Equity Impacts, the full text of the proposed rules at: <http://www.healthoregon.org/diseasereporting>.

You are invited to review and comment on the proposed rules. There are two (2) options to provide comment:

You may provide oral (spoken) testimony during a public hearing scheduled on **Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 10:00 A.M. Pacific Time** via video/phone conference using Microsoft Teams.

\* To provide oral testimony during this hearing:

- Join using the [Meeting URL](#). You can also find the join link for the meeting in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking under "Remote Meeting Details" using the "Meeting URL."
- You may also contact the Public Health Division Rules Coordinator at [publichealth.rules@odhsoha.oregon.gov](mailto:publichealth.rules@odhsoha.oregon.gov) to sign-up to give oral testimony and receive the link for the Microsoft Teams video conference via calendar appointment.
- To join the hearing via phone (audio/listen only), you may dial 971-277-2343, phone conference ID 114 529 614#

\* Written comments may be submitted **before 5:00 P.M. Pacific Time on March 10, 2026:**

- Email comments to: [publichealth.rules@odhsoha.oregon.gov](mailto:publichealth.rules@odhsoha.oregon.gov)
- Mail comments\* to:

OHA - Public Health Division  
Brittany Hall, Administrative Rules Coordinator  
800 NE Oregon St. Suite 930  
Portland, OR 97232

\*Comments sent by regular mail must be postmarked by 5:00 P.M. Pacific Time on March 10, 2026.

\*Send comments by fax to 971-673-1299

Final rules will be filed after consideration of all comments.

If you have questions or would like a paper copy of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, please contact ACDP at [OHD.ACDP@odhsoha.oregon.gov](mailto:OHD.ACDP@odhsoha.oregon.gov).

If you have any questions, please contact Stephen Ladd-Wilson ([stephen.g.ladd-wilson@oha.oregon.gov](mailto:stephen.g.ladd-wilson@oha.oregon.gov)).

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