



Health, Healthy Living and Seniors

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Re: Syphilis Reporting and Case and Contact Investigation

Reporting of syphilis (*Treponema pallidum*) is as follows:

Laboratory:

- All positive laboratory results for *T. pallidum* are reportable to the Public Health Surveillance Unit by secure fax (204-948-3044).

Health Care Professional:

- For Public Health investigation and to meet the requirement for contact notification under the Reporting of Diseases and Conditions Regulation in the *Public Health Act*, the NEW *Syphilis Case Investigation Form* http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/surveillance/docs/syphilis_caseinvestigation_form.pdf must be completed for all newly diagnosed cases of syphilis.
- The NEW *Contact Investigation Form for Infectious Syphilis* http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/surveillance/docs/syphilis_contactinvestigationform.pdf must be completed for all contacts of infectious syphilis cases.
- These forms replace the *Notification of Sexually Transmitted Disease* (NSTD) form which was previously used for syphilis case and contact reporting.
- Please check with the public health office in your region with respect to procedures for return of forms for syphilis case and contact investigation.
- Cooperation with Public Health investigation is appreciated.

Regional Public Health or First Nations Inuit Health Branch:

- Return all completed investigation forms to the Public Health Surveillance Unit by mail (address on form) or secure fax (204-948-3044).

Sincerely,

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