

**Good Samaritan Health & Wellness Center**  
Policies and Procedures

Subject: Notifiable Disease Reporting

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## 5.34 Notifiable Disease Reporting

### **OBJECTIVE:**

To ensure compliance with all state and public health regulations in regards to reportable disease surveillance.

### **PROCESS/PROCEDURE:**

1. It is the responsibility of the Medical Director or his/her designee to research public health mandates regarding notifiable disease reporting and to make recommendations regarding this policy **at least annually**.
2. Copies of the current state policy, local and district health department contacts, notifiable reporting form, reportable disease list, and HIV/AIDS confidential report form will be attached to this policy and kept in each Good Samaritan Health & Wellness Center office and the list of reportable diseases must be posted in each laboratory.
3. When test results return as a notifiable disease, it is the responsibility of ordering provider's nurse to fill out the necessary reports and submit them to the district health department in the specified time limits mandated for each disease.
4. The patient should be notified of the test results and of the mandated reporting following standard Good Samaritan Health & Wellness Center notification of lab results protocol.

The patient's consent is not required for release of confidential information for the purpose of this policy under the legal authority of the state of Georgia, OCGA 31-12-2.