



# Reporting Notifiable Diseases

## Public Health's Legal Authority

Georgia Health Departments have been given legal authority (*O.C.G.A. § 31-12-2*) to obtain protected health information related to certain diseases and conditions. In addition, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy Rule permits covered entities to disclose protected health information without authorization for matters of public health. This information can be used for surveillance, investigations or interventions. A list of notifiable diseases and conditions can be found at <https://dph.georgia.gov/disease-reporting>.

## Entities Required to Report

All physicians, laboratories and other health care providers must report all notifiable diseases and conditions including Sexually Transmitted Diseases timely as per the Georgia Department of Public Health Notifiable Disease/Condition Reporting Poster.

## Reporting Options

- **Electronically** through the State Electronic Notifiable Disease Surveillance System (SENDSS).
  - Register and find training at <https://sendss.state.ga.us/>.
- **Call** the District Health Office or 1-866-PUB-HLTH (1-866-782-4584).
  - Access District Health Office contact information at [https://dph.georgia.gov/sites/dph.georgia.gov/files/ADES\\_DPH%20\\_Reporting\\_Poster\\_Form.pdf](https://dph.georgia.gov/sites/dph.georgia.gov/files/ADES_DPH%20_Reporting_Poster_Form.pdf).
- **Mail or Fax** a completed Notifiable Disease Report Form to the District Health Office.
  - Access the reporting form at [https://dph.georgia.gov/sites/dph.georgia.gov/files/ADES\\_DPH%20\\_Reporting\\_Poster\\_Form.pdf](https://dph.georgia.gov/sites/dph.georgia.gov/files/ADES_DPH%20_Reporting_Poster_Form.pdf).