

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Manisha Juthani, MD
Commissioner



Ned Lamont
Governor
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Lt. Governor

Re: Changes to the List of Reportable Diseases, Emergency Illnesses and Health Conditions and the List of Reportable Laboratory Findings

Dear Colleagues:

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) is an important cause of morbidity and mortality particularly for young children, older adults, and persons with underlying health conditions. Seasonal viral illnesses, including COVID-19, influenza, and RSV can be associated with severe outcomes, including hospitalizations and death, and having mechanisms in place to monitor these trends is critical to guide public health messaging and decision making.

As Commissioner of DPH, I hereby amend these lists as follows effective October 1, 2023: 'Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Hospitalizations and Deaths' are added to the List of Reportable Diseases, Emergency Illnesses, and Health Conditions. RSV hospitalizations and deaths shall be a Category 2 condition and must be reported electronically or by fax within 12 hours. A hospital infection preventionist entering a case in the Connecticut Electronic Disease Surveillance System (CTEDSS) or reporting by electronic file satisfies the reporting requirement for hospitalizations and deaths.

Healthcare providers can refer questions about RSV reporting to the DPH Epidemiology and Emerging Infections Program at (860) 509-7994 or DPH.eeip@ct.gov. Questions related to electronic laboratory reporting may be directed to DPH.InformaticsLab@ct.gov.

Thank you for your continued partnership in addressing the public health of the State of Connecticut.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Manisha Juthani'.

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