# Communicable Disease Control Section

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#### Help us help you

To obtain a list of reportable diseases or to report a Communicable Disease, call:

603-271-4496

Monday—Friday, from 8:00AM—4: 30PM

or

1-800-852-3345 Ext. 4496

(if calling within NH)

For Emergencies after hours call
1-800-852-3345 Ext. 5300
Ask for the public health professional
on-call

http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/DHHS/CDCS/default.htm

"Health care is vital to all of us some of the time, but public health is vital to all of us all of the time."

**C. Everett Koop** 

**Former Surgeon General** 

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#### **Mission:**

To prevent illness, disability and death caused by infectious diseases in the residents of the State of New Hampshire.

#### Who We Are:

- > Physicians
- > Veterinarians
- > Epidemiologists
- > Registered Nurses
- > Other Health Professionals

## Why We Are Here:

To protect the health of the residents of New Hampshire by:

- Investigating reports of diseases that threaten the health of the public
- > Providing information about communicable diseases

#### What We Do:

**Investigate** naturally occurring or humaninduced cases and outbreaks of communicable diseases.

**Develop and implement** public health interventions to minimize further transmission of disease.

**Respond** to public health emergencies.

**Provide consultation** for the management of people who are sick or exposed to a communicable disease.

**Collaborate** with local, state, federal and community programs.

**Monitor** the occurrence of communicable diseases in order to detect trends and to assess the public health impact of these diseases.

**Educate** individuals, communities, health care providers, the media and policy makers to enhance disease prevention and control efforts. Educational programs are available.

### How We Make a Difference:

The program has assisted:

- An ER physician who had questions about Rabies exposure of a patient who was bitten by a bat.
- > The parent whose child has been diagnosed with Meningitis.
- > The factory owner who has an employee with Tuberculosis and frightened co-workers.
- > A nursing home director asking for recommendations for preventing the spread of antibiotic-resistant bacteria.
- > A local Health Officer with concerns about Eastern Equine Encephalitis prevention in his community.
- > The obstetrician whose first trimester patient has been in contact with Rubella.
- A family practice physician asking for information about New Hampshire rules regarding job restrictions for a food service worker with E. coli.
- > Communities to establish a medication clinic for people who were exposed to a food service worker with Hepatitis A.