



CITY OF PHILADELPHIA  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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BOARD OF HEALTH: May 11, 2017  
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RECORDS DEPARTMENT:

**AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS  
GOVERNING THE CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE  
AND NONCOMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND CONDITIONS**

**WHEREAS**, Section 6-201 of the Philadelphia Health Code authorizes the Board of Health to establish lists of reportable diseases and conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 6-202 of the Health Code requires health care providers and laboratories identifying such reportable diseases and conditions, designated by the Board, to report the occurrence of such diseases and conditions to the Department of Public Health; and

**WHEREAS**, The Board of Health has adopted regulations, entitled *Regulations Governing the Control of Communicable and Non-communicable Diseases and Conditions* (“Regulations”); and

**WHEREAS**, The Regulations, in sections 2, 3, and 10, contain a list of such diseases and the methods of reporting the occurrence thereof; and

**WHEREAS**, hepatitis C can be transmitted perinatally from mother to infant; and

**WHEREAS**, symptoms are rarely apparent in perinatally-acquired hepatitis C infection, preventing easy identification of infants with hepatitis C; and

**WHEREAS**, hepatitis B can be transmitted perinatally from mother to infant and clinical interventions are critical to minimize transmission risk; and

**WHEREAS**, symptoms are rarely apparent in chronic hepatitis B infection or in perinatally-acquired hepatitis B infection; and

**WHEREAS**, hepatitis B e antigen (HBeAg) and viral load data can be used to evaluate risk of perinatal transmission and focus prevention efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Health finds perinatal Hepatitis B and perinatal Hepatitis C to be infectious diseases of public health importance, which should therefore be included on the list of reportable conditions in the Regulations; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of Health hereby amends the Regulations Governing the Control of Communicable and Non-communicable Diseases and Conditions to read as follows (additions in **Bold** and deletions in ~~Strikethrough~~):

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE  
AND NONCOMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND CONDITIONS

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2. REPORTABLE DISEASES AND CONDITIONS

The Board declares the following diseases, unusual outbreaks of illness, noncommunicable diseases and conditions, poisonings and occupational diseases to be reportable:

(a) Diseases

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(15) Hepatitis, viral

- (a) ~~Type~~ **Hepatitis A**
- (b) ~~Type~~ **Hepatitis B, including all laboratory tests used to identify past or present hepatitis B virus infection. Serologic tests shall include, but not be limited to, hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg), antibody to hepatitis B surface antigen (anti-HBs), antibody to hepatitis B core (anti-HBc),**

**hepatitis B e antigen (HBeAg), and antibody to hepatitis e antigen (anti-HBe). In addition, all hepatitis B virologic tests such as genotype, DNA, and viral loads, including those with negative or undetectable results, shall be reported.**

**(i) Pregnancy in a person chronically or acutely infected with hepatitis B virus shall be reported to the Department in a manner and timeframe identified by the Department.**

**(ii) Administration of hepatitis B immune globulin (HBIG) to infants born to women with acute or chronic hepatitis B infection or to women suspected of acute or chronic hepatitis B infection shall be reported to the Department in a manner and timeframe identified by the Department.**

(c) Hepatitis C, including all positive serologic (antibody) tests, regardless of whether used as a screening, rapid, or point-of-care test, and all virologic tests, such as antigen, RNA, branched DNA (bDNA), genotype, and viral loads, including those with undetectable results.

**(i) Pregnancy in a person chronically or acutely infected with hepatitis C virus shall be reported to the Department in a manner and timeframe identified by the Department.**

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