



CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

PASSED

BOARD OF HEALTH: May 14, 2020
LAW DEPARTMENT: May 15, 2020
RECORDS DEPARTMENT:

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

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Disease Control and Prevention Act of 1955, 1956, April 23, P.L. 1510, 35 P.S. § 52.1 *et seq.*, (the DCPA) and Section 6-201 of The Philadelphia Code authorize the Board of Health to establish lists of reportable diseases and conditions; and

WHEREAS, Section 4 of the DCPA and Section 6-202 of the Code require health care providers and laboratories identifying these reportable diseases and conditions designated by the Board, to report the occurrence of such diseases and conditions to the Department; and

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

WHEREAS, the Regulations contain a listing of such diseases and conditions and the methods of reporting the occurrence thereof in Sections 2, 3 and 10 of said Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health previously found that strains of coronavirus causing severe disease or having pandemic potential, such as those strains associated with SARS, MERS, and COVID-19,¹ are infectious diseases of public health importance, and therefore should be included on the list of reportable conditions in the Regulations; and

WHEREAS, Pediatric Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome (“PMIS”) is a constellation of signs and symptoms consistent with evidence of inflammation and organ dysfunction in single or multiple organs, and has been identified as a possible complication of COVID-19 infection in young people; and

¹ SARS=Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome; MERS=Middle East Respiratory Syndrome; COVID-19=2019 novel coronavirus disease

WHEREAS, the Board finds PMIS to be a disease of public health importance, which should therefore be included on the list of reportable diseases and conditions in the Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Pennsylvania issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency on March 6, 2020 in response to the imminent and emerging threat of COVID-19 that “urge[d] the governing bodies and executive officers of all political subdivisions affected by this emergency to act as necessary to meet the current exigencies as legally authorized under [such] Proclamation . . . all without regard to those time consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law, mandatory constitutional requirement excepted.” Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Proclamation of Disaster Emergency, March 6, 2020; and

WHEREAS, given the imminent and emerging threat of COVID-19, the Department respectfully requested that the Mayor suspend the requirements of Section 8-407 of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter and allow regulations concerning COVID-19, including the instant regulation, to be promulgated as a temporary regulation while the procedures of Section 8-407 are complied with simultaneously, and the Mayor signed such a declaration on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, consistent with such declaration, the Board hereby promulgates the below amendment as a temporary regulation effective upon delivery to the Department of Records, while the remaining procedures and formalities of Section 8-407 are followed to promulgate the amendment as a permanent regulation;

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, Conditions, Etc.

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(*) **Pediatric Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome (PMIS)**

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10. REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE CONTROL OF THE INFECTED INDIVIDUALS, CONTACTS, AND ENVIRONMENT FOR EACH REPORTABLE DISEASE

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(*) **Pediatric Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome (PMIS)**

(1) Reporting. Report to the Acute Communicable Disease Control Program by telephone or other equally prompt means immediately, and not more than within 24 hours of suspicion, if the following criteria are met:

- a. **fever; and**
- b. **laboratory evidence of inflammation (e.g., elevated inflammation markers); and**
- c. **features of Kawasaki or Toxic Shock Syndrome, or evidence of clinically severe hospitalized illness such as single or multi-organ dysfunction (shock, cardiac, respiratory, renal, gastrointestinal or neurological disorder); and**
- d. **exclusion of any other microbial cause, including bacterial sepsis, staphylococcal or streptococcal shock syndromes; and**
- e. **SARS-CoV-2 PCR positive, or PCR negative with COVID-19 exposure in the past 4 weeks, or serology positive.**