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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

NO. 6064 **27 March 2025**

NATIONAL HEALTH ACT, 2003 (ACT NO. 61 OF 2003)

REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE SURVEILLANCE AND THE CONTROL OF NOTIFIABLE MEDICAL CONDITIONS: AMENDMENT

The Minister of Health has, in terms of section 68 (1) (b) read with section 90 (4) (c) of the National Health Act, 2003 (Act 61 of 2003) made the regulations in the Schedule hereto.

DR PHAKISHE AARON MOTSOALEDI, MP
MINISTER OF HEALTH
DATE: 18/1/2025

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In these regulations, any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall have the meaning so assigned, unless the context indicates otherwise: -

"**the Act**" means the National Health Act, 2003 (Act 61 of 2003); and

"**Regulations**" means the Regulations Relating to the Surveillance and Control of notifiable Medical Conditions published in Government Notice No. 3007, Government *Gazette* No. 47983 of 03 February 2023.

Amendment of Annexure A, table 1 of the Regulations

2. The Regulations are amended by substitution of Annexure 1, for the following: -

"ANNEXURE A

Table 1: Category 1 notifiable medical condition that requires immediate reporting by the most rapid means available upon clinical or laboratory diagnosis followed by a written or electronic notification to the Department of Health within 24 hours of diagnosis by health care providers, private health laboratories or public health laboratories.

No	Notifiable Medical Conditions
1	Acute flaccid paralysis
2	Acute rheumatic fever
3	Agricultural or stock remedy poisoning
4	Anthrax
5	Botulism
6	Cholera
7	Congenital rubella syndrome
8	Diphtheria
9	Enteric fever (typhoid or paratyphoid fever)
10	Food-borne disease outbreak*
11	Haemolytic uraemic syndrome (HUS)
12	Listeriosis
13	Malaria

No	Notifiable Medical Conditions
14	Measles
15	Mercury poisoning
16	Meningococcal disease
17	Monkeypox
18	Pertussis
19	Plague
20	Poliomyelitis
21	Rabies (human)
22	Respiratory disease caused by a novel respiratory pathogen **
23	Rift valley fever (human)
24	Rubella
25	Smallpox
26	Viral haemorrhagic fever diseases * **
27	Yellow fever

*Food -borne disease outbreak is the occurrence of two or more cases of a similar foodborne disease resulting from the ingestion of a common food.
**Examples of novel respiratory pathogens include novel influenza A virus and MERS coronavirus.
*** Viral haemorrhagic fever diseases include Ebola or Marburg viruses, Lassa virus, Lujo virus, new world arena viruses, Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever or other newly identified viruses causing haemorrhagic fever.

Table 2: Category 2 notifiable medical conditions to be notified through a written or electronic notification to the Department of Health within seven (7) days of clinical or laboratory diagnosis by health care providers, private health laboratories or public health laboratories:

No	Notifiable Medical Conditions
1	Bilharzia (schistosomiasis)
2	Brucellosis
3	Congenital syphilis
4	Haemophilus influenzae type B
5	Hepatitis A
6	Hepatitis B
7	Hepatitis C
8	Hepatitis E
9	Lead poisoning
10	Legionellosis
11	Leprosy
12	Maternal death (pregnancy, childbirth and puerperium)
13	Soil transmitted helminths (Ascaris Lumbricoides, Trichuris trichiuria, Ancylostoma duodenale, Necator americanus)
14	Tetanus
15	Tuberculosis: pulmonary
16	Tuberculosis: extra -pulmonary
17	Tuberculosis: multidrug- resistant (MDR -TB)
18	Tuberculosis: extensively drug -resistant (XDR -TB)

Table 3: Category 3 notifiable medical conditions to be notified through a written or electronic notification to the Department of Health within 7 days of diagnosis by private and public health laboratories:

Notifiable Medical Condition	Pathogen/s to notify
Gonorrhoea	Ceftriaxone- resistant Neisseria gonorrhoea
Endemic arboviral diseases	West Nile virus, Sindbis virus, Chikungunya virus
Non-endemic arboviral diseases	Dengue fever virus, other imported arboviruses of medical importance
Non-typhoidal Salmonellosis	Salmonella spp. other than S. Typhi and S. Paratyphi
Shiga toxin- producing Escherichia coli	Shiga toxin -producing Escherichia coil
Shigellosis	Shigella spp.

Table 4: Category 4 notifiable medical conditions to be notified through a written or electronic notification to the Department of Health within 1 month of diagnosis by private and public health laboratories:

No	Notifiable Medical Condition	Pathogen/s to notify
1	Health care- associated infections or multi drug - resistant organisms of public health importance*	• Carbapenemase-producing Enterobacteriaceae • Vancomycin-resistant enterococci • Staphylococcus aureus: hGISA and GISA • Colistin-resistant Pseudomonas aeruginosa • Colistin- resistant Acinetobacter baumanil • Clostridium difficile

*Health care -associated infection means an infection occurring in a patient during the process of care in a health establishment which was not present or incubating at the time of admission.".

Short title

3. These Regulations are called Regulations Relating to the Surveillance and the Control of Notifiable Medical Conditions: Amendment, 2024.

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