



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

REPORTABLE DISEASE: UPDATE 2014

The City of El Paso Department of Public Health, under the legal authority of Chapter 97, Title 25, Texas Administrative Code, has designated certain diseases and conditions notifiable. The disease reporting process is critical in identifying in a timely manner any disease or condition that may require immediate public health intervention and follow-up, promptly detecting outbreaks, detecting changing trends or patterns in disease occurrence, identifying areas or communities that require special public health response as a result of changes in disease patterns, and assessing and evaluating control and prevention interventions.

Enclosed you will find the latest version of the Notifiable Conditions list and Reporting Protocol. Please post the list in a conspicuous place in your office and inform staff and co-workers concerning the reporting requirements. For this revision, the changes were as follows:

Newly Reportable:

- ✓ Carbapenem-resistant *Enterobacteriaceae* (CRE)
- ✓ Multi-drug resistant *Acinetobacter* (MDR-A)

Renamed:

- ✓ Coronavirus, novel causing severe acute respiratory disease replaced Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)

Through participation in disease reporting, physicians and other health care providers are better able to provide adequate health care and prevention while ensuring that public health resources are used most effectively. The reported conditions can be found in our notifiable conditions reports that are available online at <http://home.elpasotexas.gov/health/epidemiology.php>. We thank you for your assistance in reporting and if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate in contacting the Epidemiology Program at 771-5810.