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## **Summary of Proposed Changes to Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Communicable Disease**

It is proposed to revise the Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Communicable Disease – Communicable Disease Reporting List pursuant to the procedures of the Administrative Procedures Act process, by the authority of Act 434 of 1967 as amended. These Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Communicable Disease Control are duly adopted and promulgated by the Arkansas State Board of Health pursuant to the authority expressly conferred by the Laws of the State of Arkansas including, without limitation, Act 96 of 1913 (Ark. Code Ann. § 20-7-101 et seq.).

These rules are being revised to update the Communicable Diseases – Communicable Disease Reporting List to ensure that public health officials in Arkansas have information needed to monitor the occurrence and spread of diseases.

### Proposed Changes

The following additions are being proposed so that the list is consistent with the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) Nationally Notifiable Conditions List.

- *Anaplasma phagocytophila*
- *Coccidioides immitis*
- Dengue (Dengue Fever, Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever, Dengue Shock Syndrome)
- *Vibriosis* – non cholera sp.
- Arboviral neuroinvasive and non-neuroinvasive diseases (California serogroup virus disease,
- Eastern equine encephalitis virus disease, Powassan virus disease, St. Louis encephalitis virus disease, West Nile virus disease, Western equine encephalitis virus disease)
- Babesiosis
- Novel Influenza A Virus Infections
- Trichinellosis (Trichinosis)

### Other Additions:

- Chagas Disease

### Proposed Deletions:

- Rheumatic fever

- Kawasaki Disease
- Vancomycin resistant enterococci

Under Section V.B., add the following:

- *Note: These occupational and environmental exposures will still be mandated to be reported, but will be omitted from the 'Communicable Disease Reporting List' as they are not communicable diseases*

**Promotions from Routine to Immediate Reporting:**

- Polio

**Demotions from Immediate to Routine (in 24 hours) Reporting:**

- Hepatitis A

**Other Changes**

- Change reporting of "Influenza deaths in persons < 18 years old" to reporting of "Influenza deaths in all persons"

Require submission of all campylobacter and Shigella isolates, not just those that are outbreak-related or on request. Require submission of invasive Streptococcus pneumonia isolates.

- Add note: "Certain Healthcare Associated Infections (HAIs) are required to be reported to the ADH via the National Healthcare Safety Network. Their omission above should not be interpreted as a release from this reporting requirement."
- **Phone numbers will be changed to reflect current appropriate numbers**