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Dear Colleagues,

This letter is to notify you of changes in Tennessee's Reportable Diseases and Events list. The list will be effective on January 1, 2013. The Reportable Diseases and Events list is available at <http://health.state.tn.us/ReportableDiseases/Default.aspx>. Important changes and reminders for reportable diseases and events in 2013 include the following:

- Clinically diagnosed cases of carbon monoxide poisoning are reportable using the PH-1600 form, contact: Environmental Epidemiology Program
- Blood lead level reporting requirements modified, contact: Maternal and Child Health or UT Extension (leadtrk@utk.edu)
- Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome is reportable through an on-line reporting portal; see <http://health.tn.gov/MCH/NAS/index.shtml> for more information, contact: Maternal and Child Health program
- Carbapenem-resistant Enterbacteriaceae has been changed from reporting category 1B to category 2, contact: Healthcare Associated Infections program
- Sentinel site surveillance for Carbapenem-resistant *Acinetobacter* isolated from sterile sites and urine has been added for residents of Davidson county, cases (including susceptibility reports) are reportable using the PH-1600 form, isolates should be forwarded to the state public health laboratory, contact: Healthcare Associated Infections program
- Healthcare Personnel Influenza Vaccination aggregate reporting by facilities, one-time reporting by March 31st, 2013 is required through the National Healthcare Safety Network, contact: Healthcare Associated Infections program

Anyone knowing of or suspecting a reportable disease or event, including outbreaks of any type, should report it to their local health department. If you have questions regarding the Reportable Diseases and Events Matrix, please call (615)741-7247 and ask for the program responsible for the pathogen in question. We greatly appreciate your partnership in public health reporting to promote, protect and improve the health of persons living in, working in, or visiting the State of Tennessee.

Sincerely,


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