19 CSR 20-20.020 Reporting Infectious, Contagious, Communicable, or Dangerous Diseases. The department is amending section (1) to add the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) to the list of diseases or findings that must be reported immediately.

PURPOSE: This amendment adds the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) to the list of diseases or findings that must be reported immediately.

PURPOSE: This rule designates the diseases which are infectious, contagious, communicable or dangerous and must be reported to the local health authority or the Department of Health and Senior Services. It also establishes when they must be reported.

(1) The diseases within the immediately reportable disease category pose a risk to national security because they: can be easily disseminated or transmitted from person to person; result in high mortality rates and have the potential for major public health impact; might cause public panic and social disruption; and require special action for public health preparedness. Immediately reportable diseases or findings shall be reported to the local health authority or to the Department of Health and Senior Services immediately upon knowledge or suspicion by telephone (1 (800) 392-0272), facsimile, or other rapid communication. Immediately reportable diseases or findings are—

(A) Selected high priority diseases, findings or agents that occur naturally, from accidental exposure, or as the result of a bioterrorism event:

**2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)**
- Anthrax
- Botulism
- Paralytic poliomyelitis
- Plague
- Rabies (Human)
- Ricin toxin
- Severe Acute Respiratory syndrome associated Coronavirus (SARS-CoV) Disease
- Smallpox
- Tularemia (suspected intentional release)
- Viral hemorrhagic fevers, suspected intentional (e.g., Viral hemorrhagic fever diseases: Ebola, Marburg, Lassa, Lujo, new world Arenavirus (Guanarito, Machupo, Junin, and Sabia viruses), or Crimean-Congo);
(B) Instances, clusters, or outbreaks of unusual diseases or manifestations of illness and clusters or instances of unexplained deaths which appear to be a result of a terrorist act or the intentional or deliberate release of biological, chemical, radiological, or physical agents, including exposures through food, water, or air;

(C) Instances, clusters, or outbreaks of unusual, novel, and/or emerging diseases or findings not otherwise named in this rule, appearing to be naturally occurring, but posing a substantial risk to public health and/or social and economic stability due to their ease of dissemination or transmittal, associated mortality rates, or the need for special public health actions to control.


PUBLIC COST: This proposed amendment will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred dollars ($500.00) in the aggregate.

PRIVATE COST: This proposed amendment will not cost private entities more than five hundred dollars ($500.00) in the aggregate.

NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition to this proposed amendment with Adam Crumbliss, Director, Department of Health and Senior Services, Division of Community and Public Health, PO Box 570, Jefferson City, MO 65102. To be considered, comments must be received within thirty (30) days after publication of this notice in the Missouri Register. No public hearing is scheduled.