

**Alert - EPI Update for Wednesday, January 13, 2016 - Alert
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Changes to Iowa's Reportable Diseases law go into effect today (January 13, 2016)

The following diseases are newly reportable (or reporting requirements have been clarified):

- microcystin toxin poisoning (had been temporarily reportable in the past)
- Q fever
- tularemia
- viral hemorrhagic fever (Lassa, Marburg, Ebola, Crimean-Congo),
- vancomycin-intermediate/resistant *S. aureus*
- expanded these categories:
 - mosquito-borne diseases (chikungunya, dengue, eastern equine encephalitis, La Crosse, St. Louis, Venezuelan equine encephalitis, West Nile, and western equine encephalitis)
 - tick-borne diseases (anaplasmosis, babesiosis, ehrlichiosis, Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever)

The following diseases are no longer reportable in Iowa:

- toxic shock syndrome
- trichinosis
- Removed (due to changes at the national level of how healthcare associated infections are reported)
 - enterococcus invasive disease
 - Group A *Streptococcus* invasive disease
 - *S. aureus* invasive disease
 - methicillin-resistant invasive disease
 - *Streptococcus pneumonia* invasive disease

To view the entire updated law, please visit

wiki.idph.iowa.gov/Portals/3/userfiles/5/Files/2%20Public%20Health%20641%20%5BIAC%5D%20Chapter%201-revised%201-16.PDF

Have a healthy and happy week!

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