

NC Confidential Communicable Disease Reports For Local Health Department NC EDSS Users

Authority to Report

Under NC General Statute § 130A-135 physicians must report communicable diseases declared by the Commission to the local health director of the county or district in which the physician is consulted. Diseases under communicable disease surveillance may be found in 10A NCAC 41A.0101.

Instructions: Confidential Disease Report (Parts 1 & 2)

Part 1 of the Confidential Communicable Disease Report is required for **all** reportable diseases. The form collects basic demographic and epidemiologic data used for disease surveillance.

Part 2 of the Confidential Communicable Disease Report is also required for **all** reportable diseases (except bacterial STDs other than syphilis). Part 2 collects supplemental clinical and risk history data.

Local health department staff:

- Receive and Review Part 1 (Physician's Initial Report)
- Investigate - contact physician/health care provider
- Interview – patient, family, other if indicated
- Record Investigation - complete Part 1 and Part 2
- Report Investigation to State – NC EDSS

The local health director has additional responsibility to assure that appropriate control measures are implemented.

NC EDSS Data Entry

The NC Electronic Disease Surveillance System (NC EDSS) provides two methods for recording case investigations.

- 1. NC EDSS *Rapid* Data Entry Wizard**
- 2. NC EDSS Standard Data Entry**

Both methods require local health departments to maintain supporting documentation of the complete investigation on file for one year.

NC EDSS **Rapid** Data Entry Wizard Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is a **Rapid** Data Entry Wizard?

The wizard is a tool that allows users to enter abbreviated surveillance data into NC EDSS

2. What do you mean by abbreviated surveillance data?

The wizard displays selected questions from the standard NC EDSS packages in one screen (no need to open multiple question packages).

3. How do I access the **Rapid** Data Entry Wizard?

Select the NC EDSS **Rapid** Data Entry Wizard from the Dashboard

4. What do I do with the data that I do not enter into the wizard?

Keep the complete disease investigation record in a secure file (electronic or paper) for at least one year from the date of initial report to public health.

5. Why do I have to collect and maintain information that I do not send to the state?

The best investigation data is obtained at the time of disease onset/recognition. However, not all investigation data is needed at the time of reporting. Frequently, outbreaks of communicable disease are recognized weeks after the first cases are identified. Waiting to collect data after an outbreak is recognized will likely result in poor data quality. You need to keep a file of data that is collected but not entered *in case* the data is required at a later date. At that time, you may negotiate data entry with the state epidemiologist.

6. Do all diseases have a **Rapid** Data Entry Wizard?

All diseases have a Part 1 **Rapid** Data Entry Wizard.

Most diseases have a Part 2 **Rapid** Data Entry Wizard.

See below for complete list of diseases that do not have a Part 2 wizard.

7. What do I do if the disease does not have a Part 2 Wizard?

Use the standard question packages to enter data.

Diseases Without a Part 2 **Rapid** Data Entry Wizard

Anthrax	Leprosy	Rabies, human
Bacterial STDs	Leptospirosis	SARS
Brucellosis	Malaria	Smallpox
Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease	Monkeypox	Tularemia
Cryptosporidiosis	Novel Influenza Virus	Vaccinia
Hantavirus	Psittacosis	Vibrio, other
Hepatitis B, acute	Plague	Vibrio, vulnificus
Legionellosis	Q fever	