

EPI/EH Notification Procedure

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PURPOSE: EPI & EH departments working together to ensure each department gets the necessary information needed to perform job duties and protect public health to the best of their ability.

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RABIES SPECIMEN RESULTS

- GPLH provides results directly to the submitter (i.e. EHS) by phone (direct line/cell) per info on submission form
- EHS provides results to appropriate persons
- SENDSS lab report is updated by GPLH with results

FOOD/WATER/VECTOR BORNE ILLNESS

- EH needs to be informed of outbreaks, including those at assisted living facilities, to ensure that the proper EH assessment/investigation is conducted where necessary
- EPI will email both Jon and Jennifer reports pertaining to these and other regulated facilities (Food Service, Pool, Body Art, Tourist Establishments); Jon/Jennifer will notify applicable EH Office staff
- Vector Borne Illness complaints: EPI notifies both Jennifer and Jon of confirmed lab report; Jon/Jennifer will notify applicable EH Office staff and the Mosquito Surveillance Team, if necessary, for risk assessment
- EH staff will then email EPI a written summary report of the findings, including what, if any, action was taken in regards to regulated operations, etc. as determined from the EH assessment

ELEVATED LEAD LEVELS

Scenario 1—Clinic receives initial report

- County Health Department Clinics are to report elevated lead levels to District/David Donalson
- District/David Donalson will email Jennifer and Jon regarding any reports received of elevated lead levels from the clinics/SENDSS
- Jennifer and Jon will in turn forward the information to the Lead Investigators (listed below)
 - Regional Lead Coordinator is Jason Osgatharp (Murray County/Dalton District)
 - District 2 Lead Investigators are: Bill Ringle & Vicki Hufstetler

Scenario 2—EH receives initial report

- County EH Offices are to report elevated lead levels received by their offices to District/Jennifer and Jon
- Jennifer and Jon will in turn forward the information to David Donalson and the Lead Investigators (listed above)

ANIMAL BITES

- District/EPI receives reports from Georgia Poison Center via fax
- EPI scans in/emails the report to the county EH office that the victim resides in, copying Jennifer and Jon
 - Email list below by county (page 3)
 - PLEASE NOTE: IF MORE THAN 1 EMAIL ADDRESS IS LISTED, SEND REPORT(S) TO BOTH EMAILS FOR THE RESPECTIVE COUNTY

ANIMAL BITES (CONTINUED)

- EH office fax numbers remain posted above the main District Office fax machine and are included below (on page 4), should they be needed as an alternate method of getting the reports to the counties
 - If so, the fax with receipt/confirmation page should be scanned into an email to Jennifer and Jon
 - Please note that Fulton County EPI's fax info is included in the list since we still often receive reports out of that area that have to be forwarded there. In such case, the fax should be sent to both Fulton County fax numbers.

Reports received by District 2 EPI for other counties outside D2 will be forwarded to the appropriate EPI and/or EH office by EPI, with assistance of Jennifer and Jon if needed.

****If medical facility animal bite reporting issues are discovered, Jennifer/Jon will notify EPI for follow up with the facility regarding reporting requirements****

- **For Rabies Post-Exposure Vaccination Info (facilities where vaccines can be administered, indigent patient vaccine support info, etc), see page 5 below**

MISCELLANEOUS COMPLAINTS

- District/EPI receives various complaint type reports from Georgia Poison Center via fax
- EPI scans in/emails the report to the EH Office in the county that is indicated in the report, copying Jennifer and Jon (refer to EH email list on page 3)
(i.e. complaint regarding hotel cleanliness---send to county of hotel location if provided in report; mosquito/stagnant pool complaints—send to county of address where issue is indicated)
- If limited information is provided in the report or if unable to determine where the complaint should be directed, email to Jennifer and Jon only

<u>EH Office</u>	<u>Email</u>
<u>District</u>	Jennifer.Fulbright@dph.ga.gov Jonathan.Terry@dph.ga.gov
<u>Banks</u>	Vicki.Hufstetler@dph.ga.gov
<u>Dawson</u>	Bill.Ringle@dph.ga.gov
<u>Forsyth</u>	Todd.Driver@dph.ga.gov Gary.Helmuth@dph.ga.gov
<u>Franklin</u>	Louis.Korff@dph.ga.gov Lillie.Forsyth@dph.ga.gov
<u>Habersham</u>	James.Reece@dph.ga.gov Marcus.Hall@dph.ga.gov
<u>Hall</u>	Kelly.Hairston@dph.ga.gov Chad.Harper@dph.ga.gov
<u>Hart</u>	David.Leard@dph.ga.gov Lillie.Forsyth@dph.ga.gov
<u>Lumpkin</u>	Michelle.Charriez@dph.ga.gov Anne.Converse@dph.ga.gov
<u>Rabun</u>	Sheila.Watts@dph.ga.gov Holly.Cochran@dph.ga.gov
<u>Stephens</u>	Shad.Slocum@dph.ga.gov Lillie.Forsyth@dph.ga.gov
<u>Towns</u>	Tony.Berrong@dph.ga.gov
<u>Union</u>	Mark.Jarrett@dph.ga.gov Brandi.Barrett@dph.ga.gov
<u>White</u>	Sean.Sullivan@dph.ga.gov Aimee.Goodson@dph.ga.gov

Environmental Health FAX #s

Banks Co. EH: 706-677-4042

Dawson Co. EH: 706-265-7529

Forsyth Co. EH: 678-807-7343

Franklin Co. EH: 706-384-4217

Habersham Co. EH: 706-778-2408

Hall Co. EH: 770-531-6767

Hart Co. EH: 706-376-5011

Lumpkin Co. EH: 706-867-2977

Rabun Co. EH: 706-212-0295

Stephens Co. EH: 706-282-4511

Towns Co. EH: 706-896-1816

Union Co. EH: 706-835-2384

White Co. EH: 706-348-1670

FULTON CO. EPI FAX #s: 404-335-5957, 404-730-1326

Fulton EPI Email:

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Hospital	County	Stock Rabies Post-exposure Vaccine?
Northeast Georgia Health System	Hall (location in Braselton as well)	Yes (per Jenny at Hall and Nathan at Braselton)
Habersham Medical	Habersham	Yes (per Theresa Metro-Lewis)
St. Mary's Sacred Heart	Franklin	Yes (per Donna in RX)
Chestatee Regional	Lumpkin	Yes (per Nicole in RX)
Mountain Lakes	Rabun	Yes (per Lisa in RX)
Chatuge Regional Hospital	Towns	Yes (per Karen in RX)
Union General Hospital	Union	Yes (per Karen in RX)
Northside Forsyth	Forsyth	Yes (per Kerry in RX)
Stephens County Hospital	Stephens	Yes (per Terry)
Northridge Medical Center	Banks/Jackson	Yes (per Cory in RX)

Indigent Patient Rabies Vaccine Support Programs

1. RX Assist Patient Assistance Program Center: www.rxassist.org/patients/default.cfm
2. Sanofi Pasteur (Imovax Rabies and Imogam Rabies-HT): 866-801-5655
3. GSK (RabAvert): 800-589-0837

Information for hospitals to obtain vaccine

Imovax:

www.vaccineshoppe.com or 1-800-822-2463

RabAvert:

ASD Healthcare: 800-746-6273

Cardinal: 800-964-5227

FFF Enterprises: 800-843-7477

McKesson Medical-Surgical: 800-950-9229

GSK: 866-475-8222