



## DISTRICT 2 PUBLIC HEALTH 2023 EH / EPI NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE

**FOCUS:** Environmental Health & EPI departments working together to ensure the necessary information is received to perform job duties and protect public health.

<b>District Epi Contact</b>	<b>Notifiable Disease Coordinator/ EPI Lead</b>	<b>Office: 770-519-7661</b>
<b>District EH Contact</b>	<b>Environmental Health Director Deputy Environmental Health Director</b>	<b>Office: 770-535-5887 Office: 770-531-4050</b>
<b>District Childhood Lead Prevention Coordinator</b>		<b>770-531-5600 Ext.4045 770-535-5743 Ext.4045</b>

### RABIES SPECIMEN RESULTS

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

### 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 (i.e. kitchen/food service staff assessments)
- EPI will email District EH Managers reports pertaining to these and other regulated facilities (Food Service, Pool, Body Art, Tourist Establishments); District EH Manager will notify applicable County EH staff
- Vector Borne Illness complaints: EPI notifies District EH Managers of confirmed lab report; District EH Manager will notify applicable County EH staff and the Mosquito Surveillance Team, if necessary, for risk assessment
- EH staff will email District EPI a written summary report of the findings, including what actions were taken, if any, at the regulated facility, etc.

### ELEVATED LEAD LEVELS

#### **Scenario 1—Clinic receives initial report**

1. County Health Department Clinics/Nurse Managers are to report elevated lead levels to District Lead Coordinator and notify County EH Manager/District EH Managers
2. District Lead Coordinator email EBL report to the Regional Lead Coordinator and copy District EPI

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3. District Lead Coordinator with assistance of the Regional Lead Coordinator will investigate/follow-up as needed
4. If additional assistance is needed with contacting parents or with home investigations, District Lead Director will reach out to District 2 EH Managers and local Certified Lead Investigator(s) for involvement
5. District Lead EPI, District EH Managers, applicable County Nurse Manager and County EH Manager will be copied on status/correspondence with State EH Lead Office and Lead Coordinator/Investigator

#### **Scenario 2—EH receives initial report**

1. County EH Offices are to report elevated lead levels received by their offices to District Lead Coordinator and notify County Nurse Manager/District EH Managers
2. District Lead Coordinator will email EBL report to the Regional Lead Coordinator and copy District EPI
3. See Steps 3-5 above

#### **ANIMAL BITES**

- District EPI receives bite reports from Georgia Poison Center or medical facilities via fax
- District EPI scans in/emails the encrypted report to District EH Managers
- District EH Manager will forward the encrypted bite report to the applicable County EH Staff
- Reports received by District 2 EPI for other counties outside D2 will be forwarded to the appropriate EPI and/or EH office by EPI, or with the assistance of District EH Managers
- \*NOTE: If medical facility animal bite reporting issues are discovered by EH, notify District 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 3 below***

#### **MISCELLANEOUS COMPLAINTS**

- District EPI receives various complaint type reports from Georgia Poison Center via fax (i.e. hotel cleanliness complaint)
- District EPI scans in/emails the encrypted report to District EH Managers
- District EH Manager will forward the encrypted report to the applicable County EH Staff

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<b>Hospital</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Stock Rabies Post-exposure Vaccine?</b>
<i>Northeast Georgia Health System</i>	Hall (including Braselton location)	Yes
<i>Habersham Medical</i>	Habersham	Yes
<i>St. Mary's Sacred Heart</i>	Franklin	Yes
<i>Chestatee Regional</i>	Lumpkin	Yes
<i>Mountain Lakes</i>	Rabun	Yes
<i>Chatuge Regional Hospital</i>	Towns	Yes
<i>Union General Hospital</i>	Union	Yes
<i>Northside Forsyth</i>	Forsyth	Yes
<i>Stephens County Hospital</i>	Stephens	Yes
<i>Northridge Medical Center</i>	Banks/Jackson	Yes

**\*Indigent Patient Rabies Vaccine Support Programs\***

1. RX Assist Patient Assistance Program Center: [www.rxassist.org/patients/default.cfm](http://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](http://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