



## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

### REPORTABLE DISEASE: UPDATE 2015

The City of El Paso Department of Public Health, under the legal authority of Chapter 97, Title 25, Texas Administrative Code, has designated certain diseases and conditions notifiable. The disease reporting process is critical in identifying in a timely manner any disease or condition that may require immediate public health intervention and follow-up, promptly detecting outbreaks, detecting changing trends or patterns in disease occurrence, identifying areas or communities that require special public health response as a result of changes in disease patterns, and assessing and evaluating control and prevention interventions.

Enclosed you will find the latest version of the Notifiable Conditions list and Reporting Protocol. Please post the list in a conspicuous place in your office and inform staff and co-workers concerning the reporting requirements. For this revision, the changes were as follows:

#### Newly Reportable:

- ✓ **Chikungunya virus** to be reported within 72 hours

#### Expanded:

- ✓ **Primary and secondary stages of Syphilis** are to be reported within 24 hours, **all other stages of Syphilis** can be reported within 72 hours.
- ✓ Reportable **tuberculosis disease** is to be reported within 24 hours and includes the following: suspected tuberculosis disease pending final laboratory results; positive nucleic acid amplification tests; clinically or laboratory-confirmed tuberculosis disease; and all *Mycobacterium tuberculosis (M.tb)* complex including *M. tuberculosis*, *M. bovis*, *M. africanum*, *M. canettii*, *M. microti*, *M. caprae*, and *M. pinnipedii*.
- ✓ Reportable **tuberculosis infection** is to be reported within 72 hours and includes the following: a positive result from an Interferon-Gamma Release Assay (IGRA) test such as T-SPOT®.TB or QuantiFERON®-TB Gold In-Tube (QFT-G) or a tuberculin skin test (TST) plus a normal chest x-ray and asymptomatic.

Through participation in disease reporting, physicians and other health care providers are better able to provide adequate health care and prevention while ensuring that public health resources are used most effectively. The reported conditions can be found in our notifiable conditions reports that are available online at <http://www.elpasotexas.gov/public-health/programs/epidemiology>. We thank you for your assistance in reporting and if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate in contacting the following programs: STD/HIV Program 212-6619, Tuberculosis Program 212-6559, or Epidemiology Program 212-6520.