

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: Thursday, September 5, 2013
TIME: 1:30 P.M.
PLACE: Basement Training Room A
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
35 East Chestnut Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

In accordance with Chapter 119 of the Revised Code (R.C.), the Director (Director) of the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), or his designee, shall conduct a public rules hearing at the date, time, and place listed above. The hearing will consider changes to the following Administrative Code rules:

Chapter 3701-3 – Infectious Disease Prevention and Control: By authority of R.C. 3701.23 and 3701.34, the Director proposes to amend the following Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C) rules:

3701-3-02	Diseases to be reported
3701-3-05	Time of report
3701-3-06	Reporting to department

The amendments are proposed due to confusion regarding the current reporting classification where disease reporters often do not know which diseases are Class B(1) diseases and Class B(2) diseases. Amendments will consolidate the classifications B(1) and B(2) into one reporting category with the same reporting timeframe. Also, to be consistent with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) list of Nationally Notifiable Infectious Conditions, amendments will add one disease to Ohio's reportable disease list and remove or rename several other diseases.

At the hearing, people affected by the proposed actions may appear and be heard in person, by an attorney or both; may present their positions, arguments, or contentions orally or in writing; may offer witnesses; and may present evidence tending to show that the proposed rules, if adopted or effectuated, will be unreasonable or unlawful. To aid in getting visitors through building security, both persons intending to testify at one or more e hearing and those simply intending to observe are encouraged to pre-register by writing the Office of the General Counsel [Rules], Ohio Department of Health, 246 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, by telephoning (614) 466-4882, or by sending an e-mail to odhrules@odh.ohio.gov.

Copies of the proposed rules are available on the Register of Ohio website. A link to this site may be found at <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/rules/pending.aspx> or from the Office of the General Counsel, Ohio Department of Health. Please FAX [(614) 564-2509], mail, or e-mail any written comments by 5:00 p.m. on September 4, 2013.

August 5, 2013

