

NOTICE OF PUBLIC RULES HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, March 11, 2015
TIME: 3:00 p.m.
PLACE: OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
246 N. High Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215
ROOM: 8th Floor Large Conference Room

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 hearing at the date, time, and place listed above to consider the following rule:

O.A.C. Rule 3701-3-02 – DISEASES TO BE REPORTED

By authority of R.C. 3701.23, the Director proposes to amend O.A.C. rule 3701-3-02 to add several diseases to the reportable disease list. Those diseases are: Chikungunya virus infection, Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS), Ebola virus disease (EVD), Lassa fever, Marburg hemorrhagic fever, and Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever. Chikungunya is currently reportable under a Director's Journal Entry; and EVD and the other viral hemorrhagic fevers are currently reportable under the broader category of viral hemorrhagic fevers. However, specifically listing these diseases as reportable diseases under the Ohio Administrative Code is intended to remove any potential confusion about whether these are reportable diseases in Ohio.

Previously announced rules also on the agenda:

ODH has previously announced that two Radiation-Generating Equipment rules (3701:1-66-02 and 3701:1-66-17 will also be on the March 11, 2015 agenda.

Hearing and Comment Procedure:

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 the hearing and those simply intending to observe are encouraged to pre-register by writing to the Office of the General Counsel, Ohio Department of Health, 246 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, by phoning (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 (<http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/jsps/publicdisplayrules/searchRuleNumber.js>) 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 10:00 a.m. on March 11, 2015

February 2, 2015