

NOTICE OF PUBLIC RULES HEARING

DATE: Thursday, June 20, 2019
TIME: 11:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Ohio Department of Health
35 E. Chestnut Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215
ROOM: ODH Basement Training Room A

In accordance with *Chapter 119* of the Revised Code (R.C.), the Director of the Ohio Department of Health announces a Public Hearing at the date and time listed above to hear comments regarding the following action:

Ohio Revised Code (O.A.C.) Chapter 3701-3-02 – Infectious Disease Reporting.

The rules refine the Revised Code's mandatory reporting of infectious diseases to public health authorities. The proposed change to Ohio Adm. Code 3701-3-02 will now specifically list *Candida auris*, and specifically list *Salmonella* Paratyphi infection under Class B disease, which is currently reportable under salmonellosis. Specifically listing this disease as reportable removes any potential confusion about whether it is reportable. In addition, ODH proposes to move yellow fever from a Class A to a Class B disease, and to rename typhoid fever as *Salmonella* Typhi infection (typhoid fever). The changes are proposed to be consistent with the nationally notifiable disease list effective 1/1/19.

The following amendments are being proposed:

This rule package contains one amended rule proposed by the Ohio Department of Health (Health). The rule package was submitted to the CSI Office on March 5, 2019, with the comment period held open through April 5, 2019. One comment was received in support of the proposed changes.

The draft rule lists dangerous diseases that threaten public health and must be reported to the board of health by health care providers and laboratories. Cases and suspected cases must be reported. The diseases are classified as "A" through "C," with class "A" diseases being the most severe and requiring immediate reporting. Anthrax and Measles are examples of class "A" diseases. Class "B" diseases have the potential for epidemic and must be reported according to Ohio Administrative Code (OAC). This classification includes diseases such as the Mumps, West Nile virus infection and Hepatitis. The class "C" lists sources of outbreaks, unusual incidence, or epidemic of other infectious disease and must be reported according to OAC. The draft rule is being amended to align with the 2019 National Notifiable Conditions issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The amendments add to class "B" the disease name *Candida auris*, replaces typhoid fever with *Salmonella* Paratyphi infection, *Salmonella* Typhi infection (typhoid fever) and moves Yellow Fever from class "A" to class "B."

Hearing and Contact Information:

At the hearing, people affected by the proposed action may appear and be heard in person or accompanied by an attorney. They may present their positions, arguments, or contentions orally or in writing; may offer witnesses; and may present evidence showing that the proposed rule, if adopted or effectuated, will be unreasonable or unlawful.

To aid in getting visitors through building security, any persons intending to testify at the hearing or planning to observe are encouraged to pre-register by writing to the Office of the General Counsel, Ohio Department of Health, 246 North High Street, 7th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215, or by phone to (614) 466-4882, or send an e-mail to odhrules@odh.ohio.gov.

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Copies of the proposed rule will be available on the Register of Ohio website:

<http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/rules/search> approximately one day after the rule is filed, or from the Office of the General Counsel, Ohio Department of Health (<https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/about-us/offices-bureaus-and-departments/Office-of-General-Counsel/laws-and-rules/>).

Please e-mail any written comments to ODHrules@odh.ohio.gov by 5:00 p.m. on June 19, 2019.