

AGENCY MEMORANDUM OF RESPONSE

TO: Paula Steele, Director of Special Projects

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RE: Diseases to be Reported (OAC Chapter Rule 3701-3-02)

DATE: April 16, 2019

Thank you for permission to go forward with Original Filing O.A.C. Chapter Rule 3701-3-02 with JCARR. This submission consists of one amended rule, with the comment period held open through April 5, 2019. One comment was received in support of the proposed changes. Along with CSI's recommendation to proceed with the filing, the Ohio Public Health Advisory Board (OPHAB) voted to also recommend this rule to the Director on May 3, 2019. 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). The draft rule is being amended to align with the 2019 National Notifiable Conditions issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.