

**Minnesota Department of Health,
Infectious Disease Epidemiology, Prevention and Control Division**

Notice of Requirement to Report Guillain-Barré Syndrome

BY THIS NOTICE, the Commissioner of the Department of Health (MDH) is now requiring reporting of Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS) under *Minnesota Rules, Chapter 4605.7080*. As required by Minn. Rules Chapter 4605.7080, the following information is provided.

Persons Required to Report. Those persons required to report communicable diseases under *Minnesota Rules, Chapter 4605.7030*. This includes physicians, health care facilities, medical laboratories, and other health care providers who provide care to patients.

Date Reporting Begins and Ends. The reporting requirement for GBS will begin on October 1, 2009 and will end two (2) years from that date on September 30, 2011.

Reporting Mechanism: MDH will collect GBS information in the following two ways.

1. Health care providers and other persons and entities required to report will report any patients who have been diagnosed with GBS to the Minnesota Health Department Infectious Disease Epidemiology, Prevention and Control Division within one (1) working day from diagnosis. A mandated reporter can report either by telephone, by facsimile, or by U.S. mail.
 - By phone: Call MDH at 651-201-5414 or 1-877-676-5414 during business hours.
 - By “yellow disease report card”: Download the card at the MDH website at <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/dtopics/reportable/forms/reptcard.pdf>. Fill out the card and fax it to 651-201-5743 or mail it as indicated.

For more information on disease reporting, go to MDH’s “Methods of Reporting Disease” website at <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/dtopics/reportable/forms/index.html>.

2. MDH will contact hospital medical records departments weekly by phone or other means to obtain records that have a GBS diagnosis (ICD-9-CM admission or discharge diagnosis code of 357.0).

Contact Person. For more information on this reporting requirement, contact Richard Danila, Section Manager, Acute Disease Investigation and Control, Minnesota Department of Health, 625 North Roberts Street, P.O. Box 64975, St. Paul, MN 55164 or by phone at (651) 201-5414 or toll free at 1-877-676-5414 or by e-mail at richard.danila@state.mn.us. Information can also be found on MDH’s web site at <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/dtopics/reportable/index.html>.