

Communicable Disease Control

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Category A: Provide timely, relevant, and accurate information to partners and the public on communicable diseases and their control.

1. Develop, maintain, and share internal electronic information systems and access external systems for reporting and surveillance
2. Establish metrics and monitor quality of infectious disease prevention and control activities
3. Collect data per Minnesota Administrative Rules, and analyze data related to infectious diseases
4. Ensure education about vaccine preventable diseases, Minnesota immunization requirements, the statewide immunization information system among health care providers, pharmacists, school officials, and the public.
5. Ensure education about infectious diseases and emerging disease prevention and control situations for health care providers, pharmacists, long-term care facility staff, infection control specialists, school officials, the public, and others.

Category B: Identify statewide and local communicable disease control community partners and their capacities. Develop and implement a communicable disease control plan.

1. Assess the factors and conditions that affect infectious disease prevention and control
2. Collaborate with and educate partners, communities, and individuals, including those disproportionately affected by infectious diseases, to understand the infectious disease prevention and control from the perspective of lived experience
3. Collaborate with and convene partners, communities, and individuals to create and implement strategies or initiatives for infectious disease prevention and control
4. Develop, implement, and maintain written plans, systems, and infrastructure, and train relevant staff
5. Assess how external factors and conditions affect implementation of infectious disease prevention and control plans

Category C: Identify and respond to communicable disease outbreaks for notifiable conditions in accordance with local, state, and national requirements.

1. Coordinate response to assure all appropriate partners are notified and there are clear roles and responsibilities
2. Assure identification and notification of close contacts at risk for disease transmission with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines
3. Assure appropriate treatment and prevention of disease in individuals who have reportable diseases in accordance with local, state, and national mandates and CDC guidelines

Category D: Support the recognition of outbreaks and other events of public health significance by assuring capacity for the identification and characterization of the causative agents of disease and their origin, including those that are rare and unusual.

1. Verify availability of screening for infectious diseases of public health importance
2. Conduct timely investigations for reportable infectious diseases
3. Identify and respond to emerging issues
4. Report diseases in accordance with the communicable disease reporting rule in state statute (MN Rules, Chapter 4605)

Category E: Coordinate, integrate, and secure funding for categorically funded and statutorily required communicable disease programs and services.

1. Educate decision-makers about resources needed for infectious disease prevention and control activities and advocate for needed funds
2. Seek out, apply, and manage funding opportunities
3. Assure and maintain baseline funding is being provided to support mandated infectious disease prevention and control activities
4. Develop, maintain, and share an immunization information system
5. Assure the safe and effective administration of vaccinations for the public

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