

# MLS Laboratory Update: Notice of Intent to Adopt Proposed Changes to Communicable Disease Reporting Rules

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## Purpose of this Message:

To inform MLS laboratory partners about the *Notice of Intent to Adopt Proposed Changes to Communicable Disease Reporting Rules*.

## Action Item:

Please review the following information. All interested persons are encouraged to comment per process described below. Deadline is June 12, 2024 at 4:30 pm.

## Background:

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) has formally proposed updates to the communicable disease reporting rules through the rulemaking process and published the Notice of Intent to Adopt on May 13, in the *State Register*. You can submit written comment in support of or in opposition to the proposed rules or any part or subpart of the rules to the [Office of Administrative Hearings \(OAH\) Comments on Rules - 39948 Minnesota Department of Health Dual Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules](https://minnesotaoah.granicusideas.com/discussions/39948-minnesota-department-of-health-dual-notice-of-intent-to-adopt-rules) (<https://minnesotaoah.granicusideas.com/discussions/39948-minnesota-department-of-health-dual-notice-of-intent-to-adopt-rules>) Comments must be received by June 12 at 4:30 p.m. All interested persons are encouraged to comment.

In addition to submitting comments, you may also request that the Department hold a hearing on the rules. If MDH receives 25 or more written requests for an administrative hearing, a hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 25, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

You can obtain more information on the proposed changes, such as the proposed rules, the Notice of Intent to Adopt (which outlines the comment and hearing process), and the Statement of Need and Reasonableness (SONAR) on [Amendment to Rules Governing Communicable Disease Reporting](https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/reportable/rule/change/index.html) (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/reportable/rule/change/index.html>). You can also request a free copy of the rules by contacting Patricia Segal Freeman:

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## Questions:

Please contact: Patricia Segal Freeman, Email [health.commdisrule@state.mn.us](mailto:health.commdisrule@state.mn.us)

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Thank you,

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