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ACHD Communicable Diseases School Update

2024-2025 School Year

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About this Report

This report:

- ✓ **Highlights 12 of the communicable diseases reported by schools, including COVID-19.**

Reportable diseases include: Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Pertussis, Haemophilus influenzae Type B, Meningitis, Encephalitis, Hepatitis, Chicken Pox, Tuberculosis, COVID-19, and Mpox. Case definitions start on slide 21.

Review “Disease Specific Chart” in the [Managing Communicable Disease in Schools](#), for a list of all reportable diseases.

- ✓ **Is updated weekly for aggregate totals on all noted communicable diseases in this report. Publication of weekly updates will be on Tuesdays by 5 pm**
- ✓ **Will be published under the ‘communicable disease’ tab here: [Allegan County Communicable Diseases](#)**
- ✓ **Was created for school leaders, Board of Education members, parents and communities**
- ✓ **Source of data: KKZO, LLC, Communicable Disease Reporting as reported by the School staff by building**

If you have suggestions for improvement, please complete an [inquiry form](#).

ACHD Expectations on Exposures/Communicable Disease Management

The Allegan County Health Department has developed a new way to notify parents and families of potential exposures to certain reportable communicable diseases using a dashboard format so that parents/staff can make decisions based on their own evaluation of their own risk and which course of action to take.

In some circumstances, parents may still receive written notification for certain reportable communicable diseases.

Physicians, clinical laboratories, primary and secondary schools, childcare centers, and camps are required to report the occurrence or suspected occurrence of any disease, condition or infection as identified in the Michigan Communicable Disease Rules.

Under R. 325.173(9), schools are required to “report, within 24 hours of suspecting” the occurrence of communicable diseases included in the list of reportable diseases maintained by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, including COVID-19, and “[t]he unusual occurrence, outbreak, or epidemic of any disease, infection, or condition among those in attendance.”

Key

- If there are less than 5 cases in a particular school district, that data is suppressed using a <5.
- If no data is reported, the default number will be 0.

Resources for Parents

- **Measles:**
 - [CDC | Top 4 Things Parents Need to Know about Measles](#)
 - [CDC | Educational Resources for Parents and Childcare Providers](#)
- **Mumps:**
 - [CDC | About Mumps](#)
 - [CDC | Mumps Questions and Answers](#)
- **Rubella:**
 - [CDC | About Rubella](#)
 - [Measles, Mumps, and Rubella \(MMR\) Vaccination: What Everyone Should Know](#)
- **Pertussis:**
 - [CDC | About Pertussis](#)
 - [CDC | Pertussis Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- **Meningitis:**
 - [CDC | About Meningitis](#)
 - [CDC | Meningococcal Vaccination: What Everyone Should Know](#)
- **Mpox:**
 - [CDC | About Mpox](#)
 - [CDC | School and Childcare Frequently Asked Questions](#)
 - [MDHHS | MPV](#)
- **Encephalitis:**
 - [CDC | La Cross Encephalitis](#)
 - [CDC | Tick-Borne Encephalitis](#)
 - [CDC | Eastern Equine Encephalitis](#)
- **Hepatitis:**
 - [CDC | Hepatitis A Questions and Answers](#)
 - [CDC | Hepatitis B Questions and Answers](#)
 - [CDC | Vaccination of Infants, Children, and Adolescents](#)
 - [CDC | Hepatitis C Questions and Answers](#)
- **Chickenpox:**
 - [CDC | About Chickenpox](#)
 - [CDC | Chickenpox Fact Sheet for Parents](#)
- **Tuberculosis:**
 - [CDC | Basic TB Facts](#)
 - [CDC | Prevention](#)
- **COVID-19:**
 - [CDC | COVID-19 Information and Resources](#)
 - [CDC | COVID-19 Vaccines for Children](#)
 - [MDHHS | Coronavirus](#)
- **Haemophilus influenzae Type B:**
 - [CDC | Haemophilus influenza Disease \(including Hib\)](#)
 - [CDC | Prevention](#)



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