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## **S0100: Reportable Communicable Diseases**

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### **1.0 PURPOSE**

To reduce the risk of transmission of communicable diseases within healthcare facilities and to programs.

### **2.0 GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

- 2.1.** The Infection Prevention and Control Practitioners will facilitate processes to ensure the Reportable Communicable Diseases are reported to Public Health both from the clinical setting and the laboratory setting, using the [LIST OF REPORTABLE COMMUNICABLE DISEASES IN BC.](#)
- 2.2.** The Communicable Disease Regulation states in Section 1.2.1 that any person knowing or suspecting that another person is suffering from a communicable disease shall without delay make a report to the medical health officer.

### **3.0 PROCEDURE**

Contact the Infection Control Practitioner (ICP) as soon as possible when a patient who is known or a suspect case of a [Reportable Communicable Disease](#) is admitted to the facility/program. The ICP will advise regarding reporting process.

- **If the ICP is unavailable, contact the Communicable Disease (CD) Unit as soon as possible at 1-866-778-7736.**
- *The laboratory is responsible for reporting **Schedule B** diseases listed in the [LIST OF REPORTABLE COMMUNICABLE DISEASES IN BC.](#)*
- [IH Immediately Notifiable Communicable Diseases](#)