



# Important Public Health Telephone Numbers

Effective January 1, 2011

<b>Exposure to Rabies, or incidence of other communicable/infectious disease outbreaks or emergency*</b>	Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	<b>301-583-3750</b>
	After hours, weekends and holidays	<b>240-508-5774</b>
<b>Fire, loss of water, or sewage overflow in any food service facility</b>	Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	<b>301-883-7690</b>
	After hours, weekends and holidays	<b>240-508-5868</b>
<b>Improper disposal of special medical waste</b>	Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	<b>301-883-7681</b>
	After hours, weekends and holidays	<b>240-508-5868</b>
<b>Well water or septic system problems (lack of water or back-up) in private residences and commercial businesses</b>	Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	<b>301-883-7681</b>
	After hours, weekends and holidays	<b>240-508-5868</b>
<b>General information operator</b>	Monday through Friday	<b>301-883-7879</b>
<b>General information message</b>	After hours, weekends and holidays	
<b>TDD/STS via Maryland Relay</b>	Monday through Friday, after hours, weekends and holidays	<b>Dial 711</b>

## \* Incidence of Reportable Communicable Diseases and Conditions Report the Following by Phone Immediately

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| Animal bites                                     | Meningococcal, Invasive disease                          |
| Anthrax  | Pertussis  |
| Arboviral infection                              | Plague   |
| Botulism   | Poliomyelitis  |
| Brucellosis                                      | Q Fever  |
| Cholera  | Rabies (human)   |
| Diphtheria                                       | Ricin toxin poisoning                                    |
| Epsilon toxin of <i>Clostridium perfringens</i>  | Rubella (German Measles) and Congenital Rubella syndrome |
| E. coli O157:H7 infection                        | SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome)                 |
| Glanders   | Shiga-like toxin producing enteric bacterial infection   |
| <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> , invasive disease | Smallpox and other Orthopoxvirus infections              |
| Hanta Virus                                      | Staphylococcal enterotoxin B poisoning                   |
| Hepatitis A                                      | Tuberculosis and suspected tuberculosis                  |
| Influenza: novel influenza A virus infection     | Tularemia  |
| Legionellosis                                    | Typhoid fever (Salmonella typhi case, carrier or both)   |
| Measles (Rubeola)                                | Viral hemorrhagic fevers (all types)                     |
| Melioidosis                                      |  |

## Incidence of Disease Outbreaks and Other Unusual Health Conditions

- Gastroenteritis outbreak of any apparent infectious etiology
- Unusual temporal or geographical clusters of illness (e.g., persons attending the same public event or gathering)
- Pneumonia with a sudden demise in a previously healthy adult
- Widened mediastinum in a febrile patient with no other known cause (suspicious of anthrax)
- Rash of synchronous vesicular/pustular lesions (suspicious of smallpox)
- Acute neurological illness with fever (e.g., meningitis, encephalitis, etc.)
- Cranial nerve impairment with weakness, flaccid muscle paralysis (suspicious of botulism)