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** NOTICE: This health alert provides written guidance for health care professionals and others who may need to take action to prevent or control a notifiable condition. It is not intended to provide guidance for the general public.*

**Dr Rachel Wood is Retiring as Thurston County Health Officer
 November 30, 2019**

We want to make you aware that Dr. Rachel Wood will be retiring as Thurston County Health Officer November 30, 2019. Thurston County will have interim Health Officer coverage until her position is filled. Please continue to follow standard protocol for reporting notifiable conditions or if you are in need of assistance from Thurston County Public Health.

TO REPORT A NOTIFIABLE CONDITION IN THURSTON COUNTY	
Voice mail for reporting Non-immediately reportable conditions (24 hours a day)	Phone: 360-786-5470 Fax: 360-867-2601
Day time immediately reportable conditions – Call detailed information to the 24-hour Notifiable Condition Reporting Line at 360-786-5470. Messages are picked up hourly. If a call back can't wait call 360-867-2500 and ask staff to locate a Communicable Disease staff.	Phone: 360-786-5470
After hours immediately and 24-hour reportable conditions or a public health emergency	Call 911 and ask staff to locate the Administrator-On-Call.
No one is available with Thurston County Public Health and condition is immediately notifiable	1-877-539-4344

Actions Requested:

1) Immediately Notifiable and Suspect Notifiable Conditions, Emergent Situations or Public Health Emergencies where contact with public health staff is required:

Regular Business Hours

- Call the 24-hr. recorded Communicable Disease (CD) Reporting Line at (360)786-5470 and leave detailed information about the case. Messages are picked up hourly, if we need additional information, we will get back to you. Please do not leave messages on individual investigators lines. Using the CD Reporting line will expedite our response to you and assure staff is available to assist you.
- If a call back can't wait please contact our Central Reception staff at (360)867-2500 and they will find someone to assist you.

After Regular Business Hours

- Call 911 and asked them to contact the Administrator–On–Call who will return your call, work through the situation with you and if they are unable to resolve it, they will locate the appropriate individual to assist you.

2) Non-Immediately Reportable and Suspect Notifiable Conditions - Fax case report and information to our secure fax line at (360)867-2601 or call the information to our 24-hr. recorded CD Reporting line at (360)786-5470.

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3) Access to the WA St Notifiable Condition Guidelines – A resource with Information about testing, treatment, follow-up and reporting is available for you to use. Bookmark the link for easy access at:

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/ForPublicHealthandHealthcareProviders/NotifiableConditions/ListofNotifiableConditions>. Find the condition you need information about and click on the link. Each condition is formatted in the same way:

- 1) **Reporting** – A link with information we collect for reporting the case is included
 - 2) **The Disease and its Epidemiology**
 - 3) **Case Definitions**
 - 4) **Diagnosis and Laboratory Services** – *Check with our Department before submitting labs directly to the State Public Health Lab - many require pre approval before submission we can help with approval and facilitation.*
 - 5) **Routine Case Investigation**
 - 6) **Controlling Further Spread** – Case and contact management, treatment, exclusion and education.
 - 7) **Managing Special Situations** - schools, childcare, medical setting, foodservice, and employment
 - 8) **Routine Prevention** - Immunizations and treatment
- Appendices:** Include worksheets, quick reference guides, management guidelines.

4) Services available through the Washington State Public Health Laboratory – Please see the Directory of Services at: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/Pubs/301-016-PHLDirectoryServices.pdf>. Many require pre approval by Public Health before submission. We can help with approval and facilitation.

Thank you for your patience and as always for your diligence in reporting. You are our eyes and ears and we could not do our work without you, our Public Health partners.

Resources:

WA ST Department of Health – for Public Health and Health Care Providers - <https://www.doh.wa.gov/ForPublicHealthandHealthcareProviders>

WA ST Department of Health – Notifiable Conditions - <https://www.doh.wa.gov/ForPublicHealthandHealthcareProviders/NotifiableConditions/ListofNotifiableConditions>

WA ST Department of Health – Public Health Lab Directory of Services - <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/Pubs/301-016-PHLDirectoryServices.pdf>

Thurston County Public Health and Social Services Department – Notifiable Condition Reporting page- <https://www.co.thurston.wa.us/health/personalhealth/communicabledisease/report.html>

Thurston County Public Health and Social Services Department – Website - <https://www.co.thurston.wa.us/health/>

THANK YOU FOR REPORTING!