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Dear Colleagues,

This letter is to notify you of recent minor changes in Tennessee's reportable disease list. The list will be effective on January 1, 2011. The Reportable Diseases and Events Matrix / list is available at <http://health.state.tn.us/ceds/notifiable.htm>. Important changes and reminders for reportable diseases and events in 2011 include the following:

- Influenza-associated deaths which are pregnancy-associated (up to 6 weeks post-partum) are newly reportable.
- H1N1 influenza is now considered a seasonal flu strain and should not be reported as "Novel Influenza".
- Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever is reportable as "Spotted Fever Rickettsiosis".
- Laboratories are requested to submit Hepatitis A and B acute serum specimens to the State Laboratory after routine testing is complete.
- All Mycobacterium tuberculosis complex isolates are required to be sent to the State Laboratory; other Mycobacterial species are not required.
- Outbreaks of any type are reportable.

If you have questions regarding the Reportable Diseases and Events Matrix, please call (615)741-7247 and ask for the program responsible for the pathogen in question. We greatly appreciate your partnership in public health reporting to enable TDH to promote, protect and improve the health of persons living in, working in, or visiting the State of Tennessee.

Sincerely,

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