

To: Representative Trevor Squirrell, Chair, Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules  
From: Natalie Weill, Policy Advisor, Vermont Department of Health  
Re: Reportable Communicable Diseases Rule  
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Following the filing of the Final Proposed Rule, the Department of Health made the following changes based on the recommendations received from the Legislative Counsel for the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules:

1. Sec 5.1.4, 6.2.2, and 6.3.1 were updated for consistency to the following: “Diseases, syndromes, treatments, and laboratory findings denoted with an asterisk (\*), shall be reported to the Department immediately, by telephone.”
2. Sec. 6.2 was updated for clarity to the following: “How to Report Diseases, Syndromes, and Treatments.”
3. Sec. 11.1.4 was updated for consistency to the following: “Diseases, syndromes, treatments, and laboratory findings denoted with an asterisk (\*), shall be reported to the Department immediately, by telephone.”
4. Sec. 11.4.2 was updated for consistency to the following: "Diseases and laboratory findings denoted with an asterisk (\*), shall be reported to the Department immediately, by telephone."
5. Sec. 11.5.1 was updated for consistency and fixes a minor grammatical error. Sec. 11.5.1 was amended to the following: “The professionals listed in Section 11.1.1 shall report to the Department within 24 hours of the time when they become aware of clinical or laboratory diagnosis, suspicion of any rare infectious disease in animals that might pose a risk of a significant number of human and animal fatalities, or incidents of permanent or long-term disability. Diseases or laboratory findings denoted with an asterisk (\*), shall be reported to the Department immediately, by telephone.”

*No other changes were made to the Rule.*