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Sec. 81.042. PERSONS REQUIRED TO REPORT.

- (a) A report under Subsection (b), (c), or (d) shall be made to the local health authority.
- (b) A dentist or veterinarian licensed to practice in this state or a physician shall report, after the first professional encounter, a patient or animal examined that has or is suspected of having a reportable disease.
- (c) A local school authority shall report a child attending school who is suspected of having a reportable disease. The board by rule shall establish procedures to determine if a child should be suspected and reported and to exclude the child from school pending appropriate medical diagnosis or recovery.
- (d) A person in charge of a clinical or hospital laboratory, blood bank, mobile unit, or other facility in which a laboratory examination of a specimen derived from a human body yields microscopical, cultural, serological, or other evidence of a reportable disease shall report the findings, in accordance with this section and procedures adopted by the board, in the jurisdiction in which:
 - (1) the physician's office is located, if the laboratory examination was requested by a physician; or
 - (2) the laboratory is located, if the laboratory examination was not requested by a physician.
- (e) The following persons shall report to the local health authority or the department a suspected case of a reportable disease and all information known concerning the person who has or is suspected of having the disease if a report is not made as required by Subsections (a)-(d):
 - (1) a professional registered nurse;
 - (2) an administrator or director of a public or private temporary or permanent child-care facility;
 - (3) an administrator or director of a nursing home, personal care home, adult respite care center, or adult day-care center;
 - (4) an administrator of a home health agency;
 - (5) an administrator or health official of a public or private institution of higher education;
 - (6) an owner or manager of a restaurant, dairy, or other food handling or processing establishment or outlet;
 - (7) a superintendent, manager, or health official of a public or private camp, home, or institution;
 - (8) a parent, guardian, or householder;
 - (9) a health professional;
 - (10) an administrator or health official of a penal or correctional institution; or
 - (11) emergency medical service personnel, a peace officer, or a firefighter.

Acts 1989, 71st Leg., ch. 678, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1989. Amended by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 198, Sec. 2.171, eff. Sept. 1, 2003; Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 1312, Sec. 7, eff. June 21, 2003.

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