



## Reporting Requirements for Communicable Diseases in Domestic Companion Animals\*



To protect public health, certain diseases and conditions are required to be reported in a timely manner by specific individuals (see New Jersey Administrative Code Title 8, Chapter 57)

**People required to report:** veterinarians, certified animal control officers, and managers of animal facilities.

1. **Report to the local health department** in which the animal or animal facility is located. To find the local health department, go to:  
<http://nj.gov/health/lh/directory/lhdselectcounty.shtml>
2. If unable to reach the local health department, contact the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services at: **609-826-4872** (regular business hours). The emergency number is **609-392-2020** (holidays/off hours).

\* "Domestic companion animal" means any domestic dog, cat, ferret, bird, reptile, rodent, rabbit not raised for food or fur, or other animal kept primarily as a household pet for personal appreciation and companionship; excluding livestock, wildlife, and research animals.

### Reportable Diseases

- Anthrax (*Bacillus anthracis*)
- Avian Chlamydiosis (*Chlamydophila psittaci*)
- *Brucella canis*
- Campylobacteriosis (*Campylobacter* spp.)
- *Escherichia coli* shiga toxin producing strains (STEC) only
- Leishmaniasis
- Leptospirosis
- Lymphocytic choriomeningitis
- *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*
- Plague (*Yersinia pestis*)
- Q Fever (*Coxiella burnetii*)
- Rabies, suspected or confirmed
- Salmonellosis (*Salmonella* spp.)
- Tularemia (*Francisella tularensis*)
- Any outbreak or suspected outbreak