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To: Wisconsin Local Health Departments, Tribal Health Agencies, Health Care Providers, and Infection Preventionists

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Changes to Pertussis Reporting Requirements in Wisconsin

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Summary

- Starting November 1, 2024, reporting of suspected or confirmed pertussis cases to local public health departments *by telephone* is no longer required in Wisconsin.
- Health care providers should report a suspected or confirmed case of pertussis to the local or Tribal health department within 24 hours by either submitting a case report online through the Wisconsin Electronic Disease Surveillance System (WEDSS) or by fax using an Acute and Communicable Disease Case Report (F44151).
- According to [Wis. Admin. Code ch. DHS 145.04](#), pertussis is a Category I disease with immediate reporting needs. However, the current pertussis burden in Wisconsin is making this reporting modality difficult to comply with. Streamlined reporting will make the process more efficient and secure for both health care providers and local and Tribal health departments and will not impact public health response efforts. This change in reporting is in effect until it is rescinded by an updated BCD memo.

References

- [Wisconsin Local and Tribal Health Departments](#)
- [Acute and Communicable Disease Case Report \(F44151\)](#)