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Reporting of HIV Infection and AIDS in Wisconsin

What is reportable?
In Wisconsin, cases of HIV infection and AIDS are required to be reported to the state epidemiologist within 72 hours after identification of a case or suspected case. Laboratory reporting of all positive HIV test results or tests indicative of HIV infection is required, including all CD4 counts and viral load laboratory results on HIV positive persons.

Reportable events in Wisconsin include:

- Confirmed positive results of any HIV diagnostic test, including antibody tests, antigen tests, cultures, quantitative and qualitative nucleic acid amplification tests (NAAT).
- A positive result or report of a detectable quantity on any other HIV detection (non-antibody) tests, and results of all viral loads, including non-detectable levels.
- Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) and AIDS-defining conditions, including all levels of CD4+ T-lymphocyte counts.
- Birth of an infant to an HIV-infected mother (perinatal exposure) or any (positive, negative, or undetectable) non-antibody detection test (antigen test, viral culture, viral load, or qualitative PCR detection test) on an infant less than or equal to 18 months of age. These are tests indicative of perinatal exposures and are reportable as suspect cases of HIV. Negative antibody tests (EIA, immunofluorescence, or Western blot) are not reportable.
- Death resulting from an AIDS-related condition or death of a person with HIV/AIDS.

Who should report and how?

- Laboratories - electronically or by mail, all results of positive HIV detection tests, cultures, and all quantitative and qualitative viral loads, including undetectable results and all CD4+ cell counts
- Clinicians/Health Care Providers/Hospitals - by mail, telephone or secure fax to the Wisconsin Division of Public Health within 72 hours after identification of a case or suspect case:
  - all new HIV infection diagnoses
  - all new AIDS diagnoses
  - all new patients with HIV infection or AIDS, regardless of whether they are newly diagnosed
  - all births to HIV-infected women
  - all deaths of HIV-infected persons

Need reporting forms? Want to report by phone? Have questions?
The case report form for cases in persons ≥ 13 years of age at time of diagnosis can be downloaded from the website of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services at http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/forms/F4/F44338.doc. The form can be filled out electronically but, due to confidentiality and security requirements, the completed case form cannot be submitted by email -- the case report form must be submitted by regular mail or secure fax.

For questions or additional information regarding HIV/AIDS case surveillance and reporting, contact the HIV Surveillance Coordinator at 608-266-2664 or email at katarina.grande@wi.gov. To report an HIV or AIDS case by phone, contact surveillance staff at 608-266-8658 or 608-267-6727. To report by secure fax, please fax to 608-266-1288.

For additional information regarding HIV infection and AIDS in Wisconsin, visit the website of the Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program at http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/aids-hiv. Resources for clinicians are located on the web at http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/aids-hiv/clinicians.htm.