Reporting HIV in Wisconsin

In Wisconsin, confirmed or presumptive positive cases of HIV must be reported to the state epidemiologist within 72 hours after identification. Laboratory results should be reported on all persons newly or previously diagnosed with HIV infection each time the test is conducted, including all components of the HIV laboratory diagnostic testing algorithm when the initial screening test is reactive and all results of CD4 count or viral load monitoring for persons living with diagnosed HIV. For additional information about HIV and related resources for clinicians, visit the Wisconsin HIV Program website at www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/aids-hiv/.

What is reportable in Wisconsin?

- Reactive, positive, or indeterminate results for HIV antibody or antibody/antigen screening tests.
- All results (including indeterminate, non-reactive, negative, or undetectable values) of supplemental, confirmatory, or monitoring HIV laboratory tests, including:
  - Supplemental (i.e., HIV 1/2 differentiation) antibody tests or other confirmatory antibody tests, such as Western Blots, immunofluorescence or EIA tests.
  - Diagnostic quantitative (i.e., viral load) or qualitative nucleic acid amplification (PCR) tests.
- All HIV genotype sequences.
- All CD4+ T-lymphocyte counts and percentages.
- Confirmed or suspect cases of HIV infection.
- Diagnosis of HIV stage 3 (AIDS) and stage 3-defining conditions.
- Birth of an infant to a mother living with HIV or any result of a 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.
- While not required, reporting of new pregnancies among women known to be living with HIV is encouraged.
- While not required, reporting of deaths of people living with HIV is encouraged.

Who should report and how?

- Laboratories can submit laboratory results electronically to the Wisconsin Electronic Disease Surveillance System (WEDSS) or by mail.
- Clinicians, health care providers, and hospitals can submit a case report form by mail, telephone, or secure fax; reports cannot be received by email due to confidentiality and security requirements.
- Report within 72 hours after identification:
  - New HIV diagnoses.
  - New HIV stage 3 (AIDS) diagnoses.
  - New patients with HIV or HIV stage 3 (AIDS) diagnoses, regardless of whether they are newly diagnosed.
  - Infants born to women living with HIV.

Need reporting forms? Want to report by phone? Have questions?

- The form for reporting HIV in persons 13 or older at the time of diagnosis can be downloaded from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services website at www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/forms/F4/F44338.docx.
- For questions or additional information regarding HIV case surveillance and reporting, contact the HIV surveillance coordinator at 608-266-2664 or email dhshivsurveillance@dhs.wisconsin.gov.