HEALTH ADVISORY # 228
Updates to the Reportable Disease Rule

TO: West Virginia Healthcare Providers, Hospitals, and Other Healthcare Facilities

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LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS: Please distribute to community health providers, hospital-based physicians, infection control preventionists, laboratory directors, and other applicable partners

This alert is to notify providers, facilities, and laboratories of amendments, additions, and deletions to the Reportable Disease Rule. In accordance with the provisions of Legislative Rule 64CSR7, Reportable Disease, Events and Conditions, the Bureau of Public Health has approved the following changes effective immediately:

- *Candida auris* (*C.auris*) has been added as a Category II Condition that should be reported to the local health department within 24 hours.
- Alpha-gal Syndrome (AGS) has been added as a Category V Condition that should be reported to the state Bureau for Public Health within one week of diagnosis.
- SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) related deaths are now only reportable in an individual less than 18 years of age. Pediatric COVID-19 related deaths are a Category IV Condition that should be reported to the local health department within one week.
- Acute Flaccid Myelitis (AFM) is now a Category II Condition that should be reported to the local health department within 24 hours.
- SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19), laboratory evidence of acute infection by polymerase chain reaction is now only reportable through electronic laboratory reporting to the West Virginia Electronic Disease Surveillance System (WVEDSS).
- Updated language from Carbapenem-Resistant Enteroacterale to Carbapenem-Resistant Organisms and Carbapenemase-Producing Organisms. Carbapenem-Resistant and/or Carbapenemase-Producing Organisms (Enterobacterale, Acinetobacter baumannii, and Pseudomonas aeruginosa) remain a Category IV Condition that should be reported to the local health department within one week.

Changes to the Reportable Disease Rule are necessary to update our reportable diseases and conditions list in accordance with current science and national surveillance policy. For any questions, please contact the Epidemiologist on-call at (304) 558-5358, extension 2.

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