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The Public Health (Notifiable Diseases and Notifiable Agents) Order, 2014 *

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* G.S.I. No. 86 of 2014; as amended by the: Public Health (Notifiable Diseases and Notifiable Agents) (Amendment) Order, 2020 (G.S.I. No. 19 of 2020); Public Health (Notifiable Diseases and Notifiable Agents) (Amendment) Order, 2022 (G.S.I. No. 46 of 2022); Public Health (Notifiable Diseases and Notifiable Agents) (Amendment) Order, 2025 (G.S.I. No. 64 of 2025).

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(Made on 3rd December, 2014.)

The Public Health (Notifiable Diseases and Notifiable Agents) Order, 2014

THE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 1 and 1A of Article VI, and sections 1 and 1A of Article VII, of the Public Health Ordinance, 1936^a hereby orders: –

Declaration of notifiable diseases.

1. The infectious or contagious diseases in Schedule 1 are declared to be notifiable diseases within the meaning of section 1 of Article VI of the Ordinance.

Declaration of notifiable agents.

2. The organisms, substances and agents in Schedule 2 are declared to be notifiable agents within the meaning of section 1A of Article VI of the Ordinance.

Heath and medical professionals and workers required to report notifiable diseases and notifiable agents.

3. (1) This article applies to any person –
- (a) who practises or holds himself out as practising any profession specified in Schedule 3, or
 - (b) who holds any occupation specified in Schedule 3.

^a Recueil d'Ordonnances Tome VIII, p. 316; as amended by Tome X, pp. 35 and 61; Tome XIII, p. 264; Tome XV, pp. 239 and 387; Tome XIX, p. 91; Tome XX, p. 163; Tome XXIII, p. 427; Tome XXVIII, p. 80; Tome XXIX, p. 406; Tome XXXI, p. 618; Ordinance No. XLI of 2010; the Public Health (Amendment) Ordinance, 2014 approved by the States of Deliberation on 12th November, 2014. See also Ordres en Conseil Vol. XXXI, p. 278.

(2) A person to whom this article applies is designated under section 1(1A)(b) of Article VII of the Ordinance as a person required to give written notice of a notifiable disease under section 1(1B) of that article if, at any time in the course of discharging the duties of his profession or occupation, the person becomes aware or has reasonable grounds to believe that any person who is or was in the Bailiwick of Guernsey suffers from a notifiable disease.

(3) (1) A person to whom this article applies is designated under section 1A(1)(c) of Article VII of the Ordinance as a person required to give written notice of a notifiable agent under section 1A(2) of that article if, at any time in the course of discharging the duties of his profession or occupation, the person becomes aware or has reasonable grounds to believe that a notifiable agent is or was present, in any person who is or was in the Bailiwick of Guernsey, or on any premises within the Bailiwick of Guernsey.

Proprietors and persons in charge required to report notifiable diseases and notifiable agents.

4. (1) This article applies to –

- (a) the proprietor of any food supply premises, and
- (b) the occupier, manager or any other person for the time being in charge of any enclosed public place (other than food supply premises).

(2) A person to whom this article applies is designated under section 1(1A)(b) of Article VII of the Ordinance as a person required to give written notice of a notifiable disease under section 1(1B) of that article if, at any time the person becomes aware or has reasonable grounds to believe that any person who is or was present on the designated premises suffers from a notifiable disease.

(3) A person to whom this article applies is designated under section 1A(1)(c) of Article VII of the Ordinance as a person required to give written notice of a notifiable agent under section 1A(2) of that article if, at any time, the person becomes aware or has reasonable grounds to believe that a notifiable agent is or was present, on the designated premises.

(4) In this article –

"designated premises" –

- (a) in relation to the proprietor of any food supply premises, means the food supply premises, and
- (c) in relation to the occupier, manager or any other person for the time being in charge of any enclosed public place (other than food supply premises), means the enclosed public place,

"enclosed public place" means any premises –

- (a) which are covered, either wholly or substantially, by a fixed or moveable roof, ceiling or similar structure, whether permanent or temporary, and
- (b) which have one or more walls or similar structures, whether permanent or temporary, (inclusive of windows and doors, gates and other means of access or egress) for more than 50% of their perimeter, and
- (c) to which members of the public or any section of the public have access, whether on payment or otherwise,

as of right or by virtue of express or implied permission,

"food supply premises" means any business in the course of which food is served and consumed on the premises, and

"proprietor", in relation to any food supply premises, means the person who carries on the business of the food supply premises.

Requirements for certificates and notices.

5. (1) The certificate of notifiable disease or notice of notifiable agent required to be sent by a medical practitioner to the Medical Officer of Health under section 1(1) or 1A(2) of Article VII of the Ordinance shall be in the form and include the particulars set out in Schedule 4.

(2) The notice of notifiable disease or notifiable agent required to be sent by any person other than a medical practitioner to the Medical Officer of Health under section 1(1B) or 1A(2) of Article VII of the Ordinance shall be in the form and include the particulars set out in Schedule 5.

(3) A certificate or notice of the kind mentioned in paragraph (1) or (2) shall be sent –

- (a) by e-mail to notifiablediseases@hssd.gov.gg or any other e-mail address provided for by the Medical Officer of Health,
- (b) by any other electronic means provided for by the Medical Officer of Health, or
- (c) by any other means –

- (i) where communication by electronic means is not reasonably practicable, or
- (ii) where permitted by the Medical Officer of Health.

Interpretation.

6. (1) In this Order, unless the context requires otherwise –

"enactment" means any Law, Ordinance or subordinate legislation,

"the Ordinance" means the Public Health Ordinance, 1936, and

"subordinate legislation" means any regulation, rule, order, rule of court, resolution, scheme, byelaw or other instrument made under any enactment and having legislative effect.

(2) The Interpretation (Guernsey) Law, 1948^b applies to the interpretation of this Order throughout the Islands of Guernsey, Herm, Jethou and Alderney as that Law applies to the interpretation of a Guernsey enactment.

(3) Any reference in this Order to an enactment is a reference thereto as from time to time amended, re-enacted (with or without modification), extended or applied.

NOTE

The Interpretation (Guernsey) Law, 1948 has since been repealed by the Interpretation and Standard Provisions (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2016,

^b Ordres en Conseil Vol. XIII, p. 355.

section 28(a), with effect from 1st October, 2018.

Revocation.

7. The Public Health (Notifiable Diseases) Order, 1989^c is revoked.

Citation.

8. This Order may be cited as the Public Health (Notifiable Diseases and Notifiable Agents) Order, 2014.

Commencement.

9. This Order comes into force on the 1st January, 2015.

^c G.S.I. No. 1 of 1989.

SCHEDULE 1
NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Article 1

Acute encephalitis
[Acute flaccid paralysis or acute flaccid myelitis (AFP or AFM)]
[Acute Lyme disease]
Acute meningitis
Acute poliomyelitis
Acute infectious hepatitis
Acute Rheumatic Fever
Anthrax
Botulism
Brucellosis
[Chickenpox (varicella)]
Cholera
[Congenital syphilis]
[COVID-19]
[Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD)]
Diphtheria
[Disseminated gonococcal infection (DGI)]
Enteric fever (typhoid or paratyphoid fever)
Food poisoning
Haemolytic uraemic syndrome (HUS)
Infectious bloody diarrhoea
[Influenza of zoonotic origin]
Invasive group A streptococcal disease and scarlet fever
Legionellosis
Leprosy
Malaria
Measles

Meningococcal septicaemia

[Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS)]

[Monkeypox]

Mumps

[Neonatal herpes]

Plague

Rabies

Rubella

Severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS)

Smallpox

Tetanus

Tuberculosis

Typhus

Viral haemorrhagic fever (VHF)

Whooping cough

Yellow fever

NOTES

In Schedule 1,

the words in the first, second, third, fourth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and eleventh pairs of square brackets were inserted by the Public Health (Notifiable Diseases and Notifiable Agents) (Amendment) Order, 2025, article 2, with effect from 17th June, 2025;

the words in the fifth pair of square brackets were inserted by the Public Health (Notifiable Diseases and Notifiable Agents) (Amendment) Order, 2020, article 2, with effect from 19th February, 2020;

the words in the tenth pair of square brackets were inserted by the Public Health (Notifiable Diseases and Notifiable Agents) (Amendment) Order, 2022, article 2, with effect from 6th June, 2022.

SCHEDULE 2
NOTIFIABLE AGENTS

Article 2

Bacillus anthracis
Bacillus cereus (only if associated with food poisoning)
Bordetella pertussis
Borrelia spp
Brucella spp
Burkholderia mallei
Burkholderia pseudomallei
Campylobacter spp
[*Candidozyma auris*]
Chikungunya virus
Chlamydophila psittaci
Clostridium botulinum
Clostridium perfringens (only if associated with food poisoning)
Clostridium tetani
Corynebacterium diphtheriae
Corynebacterium ulcerans
Coxiella burnetii
Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever virus
Cryptosporidium spp
Dengue virus
Ebola virus
[*Echinococcus spp*]
Entamoeba histolytica
Francisella tularensis
Giardia lamblia
Guanarito virus
Haemophilus influenzae (invasive)
Hanta virus

Hepatitis A, B, C, delta, and E viruses

Influenza virus

Junin virus

Kyasanur Forest disease virus

Lassa virus

Legionella spp

Leptospira interrogans

Listeria monocytogenes

Machupo virus

Marburg virus

Measles virus

[Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV)]

[Monkeypox virus]

Mumps virus

Mycobacterium tuberculosis complex

Neisseria meningitidis

[Non-human influenza A subtypes]

[Norovirus]

Omsk haemorrhagic fever virus

Plasmodium falciparum, vivax, ovale, malariae, knowlesi

Polio virus (wild or vaccine types)

Rabies virus (classical rabies and rabies-related lyssaviruses)

[Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)]

Rickettsia spp

Rift Valley fever virus

Rubella virus

Sabia virus

Salmonella spp

Severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) coronavirus

[Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus-2 (SARS-CoV-2)]

Shigella spp

Streptococcus pneumoniae (invasive)
Streptococcus pyogenes (invasive)
[Tick-borne encephalitis virus (TBEV)]
[Toxoplasma (congenital toxoplasmosis)]
[*Trichinella spp*]
Varicella zoster virus
Variola virus
Verocytotoxigenic *Escherichia coli* (including *E.coli* O157)
Vibrio cholerae
West Nile Virus
Yellow fever virus
Yersinia pestis
[*Yersinia spp*]
[Zika virus]

NOTES

In Schedule 2,

the words in the first, second, third, fifth, sixth, seventh, ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth pairs of square brackets were inserted by the Public Health (Notifiable Diseases and Notifiable Agents) (Amendment) Order, 2025, article 3, with effect from 17th June, 2025;

the words in the fourth pair of square brackets were inserted by the Public Health (Notifiable Diseases and Notifiable Agents) (Amendment) Order, 2022, article 3, with effect from 6th June, 2022;

the words in the eighth pair of square brackets were inserted by the Public Health (Notifiable Diseases and Notifiable Agents) (Amendment) Order, 2020, article 3, with effect from 19th February, 2020.

SCHEDULE 3

Article 3(1)

PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS REQUIRED TO REPORT NOTIFIABLE
DISEASES AND NOTIFIABLE AGENTS

Biomedical scientist (including medical laboratory technician).

Radiographer (including diagnostic radiographer or therapeutic radiographer).

Physiotherapist (including physical therapist).

Midwife.

Clinical scientist.

Dentist.

Pharmacist (including pharmaceutical chemist, chemist or druggist).

Registered nurse (i.e. registered in any country or territory).

Health visitor.

SCHEDULE 4

Article 5(1)

CERTIFICATE OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASE OR NOTICE OF NOTIFIABLE
AGENT TO BE SENT BY MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

Notification to the Medical Officer of Health via email at: notifiablediseases@hssd.gov.gg	
Medical Practitioner reporting the disease or agent	
Name	
Address	
Post code	
Contact telephone number (mobile)	
(landline)	
Email address	
Date of notification	
Notifiable Disease (if reporting a disease)	
Name of Disease	
Other significant disease, infection or contamination	
Date of onset of symptoms	
Date of diagnosis	
Date of death (if patient died)	
Notifiable Agent (if reporting an agent)	
Name of Agent	
Other significant disease, infection or contamination	
Date on which agent is believed to have been present in the person	

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Index case details	
First name	
Surname	
Gender (M/F)	
DOB	
Ethnicity	
Hospital Number	
Home address	
Post code	
Residence from which the patient came or was admitted to hospital (if applicable)	
Post code	
Contact telephone number (mobile)	
(landline)	
Work/education address (if relevant)	
Post code	
Occupation (if relevant)	
Contact telephone number (mobile)	
(landline)	
Overseas travel, if relevant (Destinations & dates)	

SCHEDULE 5

Article 5(2)

NOTICE OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASE OR NOTIFIABLE AGENT TO BE SENT
BY PERSONS OTHER THAN MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

Notification to the Medical Officer of Health via email at: notifiablediseases@hssd.gov.gg	
Person reporting the disease or agent	
Name	
Profession or occupation	
Address	
Post code	
Contact telephone number (mobile)	
(landline)	
Email address	
Date of notification	
Notifiable Disease (if reporting a disease)	
Name of Disease	
Other significant disease, infection or contamination	
Date of onset of symptoms	
Date of diagnosis	
Date of death (if patient died)	
Notifiable Agent (if reporting an agent)	
Name of Agent	
Other significant disease, infection or contamination	
Address of premises (on which agent is believed	

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to have been present)	
Date on which agent is believed to have been present in the person or on those premises	
Index case details	
First name	
Surname	
Gender (M/F)	
DOB	
Ethnicity	
Hospital Number	
Home address	
Post code	
Residence from which the patient came or was admitted to hospital (if applicable)	
Post code	
Contact telephone number (mobile)	
(landline)	
Work/education address (if relevant)	
Post code	
Occupation (if relevant)	
Contact telephone number (mobile)	
(landline)	
Overseas travel, if relevant	

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(Destinations & dates)	
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)***

This Order lists the infectious and contagious diseases and the causative agents that must be notified to the Medical Officer of Health under the Public Health Ordinance, 1936 ("**the Ordinance**").

This Order also sets out the professions and occupations that are required to make such notifications, in addition to medical practitioners and laboratory representatives. In addition, this Order designates the proprietor of food supply premises and the occupier, manager and any other person for the time being in charge of any enclosed public place, as persons who are required to report notifiable diseases and notifiable agents under the Ordinance.

Finally, this Order sets out the forms and particulars required for these notifications and how these notifications are to be made.

This Order comes into force on the 1st January, 2015.

** The text of this Explanatory Note is as it was when the Statutory Instrument was first made – that is to say that the Explanatory Note has not been updated to take account of any changes made by subsequent amending Statutory Instruments with their own Explanatory Notes.