

# School Reporting of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases

The following table includes the reporting requirements for vaccine-preventable diseases (VPDs) that are commonly seen in schools. Visit [Infectious Disease Reporting](http://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/reportable/index.html) ([www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/reportable/index.html](http://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/reportable/index.html)) for a full list of diseases and conditions (vaccine-preventable or not) that are reportable, including suspected or confirmed measles, rubella, mpox, diphtheria, tetanus, polio, tuberculosis, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, and more.

Call the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) infectious disease reporting line with any questions at **651-201-5414** or **877-676-5414**.

***In addition to contacting MDH about suspect or confirmed cases, remember also to notify your school district office.***

Disease	What to report	When to report	How to report
<b>Chickenpox (varicella)</b> <b>Mumps</b> <b>Pertussis (whooping cough)</b> <b>Shingles (zoster)</b>	<b>Chickenpox, Mumps, Pertussis:</b> All suspected and confirmed cases in students and/or staff.  <b>Shingles:</b> Suspected or confirmed cases of shingles in students only.	<b>Report all cases within one working day.</b>  <b>Note:</b> If you suspect the onset of an outbreak of chickenpox (three or more cases) or pertussis (two or more cases in 42 days), promptly contact MDH via phone.	Submit reports using the <a href="https://redcap.health.state.mn.us/redcap/surveys/?s=WTLER8NA7FYFFCE8">Vaccine Preventable Disease (VPD) Reporting Form</a> ( <a href="https://redcap.health.state.mn.us/redcap/surveys/?s=WTLER8NA7FYFFCE8">https://redcap.health.state.mn.us/redcap/surveys/?s=WTLER8NA7FYFFCE8</a> ).  To request test kits for chickenpox or pediatric zoster, complete the <a href="https://redcap.health.state.mn.us/redcap/surveys/?s=JLLNAWXPXHHFWMNX">VPD Test Kit Requests</a> ( <a href="https://redcap.health.state.mn.us/redcap/surveys/?s=JLLNAWXPXHHFWMNX">https://redcap.health.state.mn.us/redcap/surveys/?s=JLLNAWXPXHHFWMNX</a> ).  Test kits for pertussis and measles are also available for local public health and health care facilities.  Contact 651-201-5414 or 1-877-676-5414 with questions about reporting.
<b>COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2)</b> <b>Influenza-like illness (ILI)</b> <i>ILI is defined as a fever and cough and/or sore throat.</i>	When 10% of total student enrollment is absent with respiratory illness in a single day.	<b>Report when 10% of total student enrollment is absent with respiratory illness in a single day.</b>  A follow-up survey will be sent in seven days for you to provide updates on the status of the outbreak.  You do not need to submit additional respiratory illness outbreak reports for 14 days.  You do not need to report individual flu cases.	Submit reports for each school using the <a href="https://redcap.health.state.mn.us/redcap/surveys/?s=MJEJYFFCKNLD4N4C">Respiratory Illness and Gastrointestinal Illness Outbreak Reporting Form</a> ( <a href="https://redcap.health.state.mn.us/redcap/surveys/?s=MJEJYFFCKNLD4N4C">https://redcap.health.state.mn.us/redcap/surveys/?s=MJEJYFFCKNLD4N4C</a> ) when 10% student threshold is met.  <b>Note:</b> Reporting requirements are different for gastrointestinal illness outbreaks. Review requirements for reporting GI outbreaks on page 2 of the <a href="http://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/foodborne/outbreak/facility/schoolnoro.pdf">2024-2025 Norovirus Information for Schools</a> ( <a href="http://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/foodborne/outbreak/facility/schoolnoro.pdf">www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/foodborne/outbreak/facility/schoolnoro.pdf</a> ) toolkit.  Contact <a href="mailto:health.schools.covid19@state.mn.us">health.schools.covid19@state.mn.us</a> with questions about reporting COVID-19.

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651-201-5503 or 1-800-657-3970  
[www.health.state.mn.us/immunize](http://www.health.state.mn.us/immunize)

To obtain this information in a different format, call: 651-201-5414.