



**Mecklenburg County  
Public Health**

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To: Healthcare Providers in Mecklenburg County

Thank you for your cooperation in reporting communicable diseases to the Mecklenburg County Health Department as required by North Carolina public health laws. General Statute 130A-135 states that “A physician licensed to practice medicine who has reason to suspect that a person about whom the physician has been consulted professionally has a communicable disease or communicable condition declared by the Commission to be reported, shall report information required by the Commission to the local health director of the county or district in which the physician is consulted.”

General Statute 130A-144(b) states that physicians and persons in charge of medical facilities or laboratories shall, upon request and proper identification, permit a local health director or the State Health Director to examine, review, and obtain a copy of medical or other records in their possession or under their control which the State Health Director or local health director determines pertain to the diagnosis, treatment, or prevention of a communicable disease or communicable condition. A physician or a person in charge of a medical facility or laboratory who permits examination, review or copying of medical records shall be immune from any civil or criminal liability that otherwise might be incurred or imposed as a result of complying with a request (General Statute 130A-144[c]). The patient’s permission or consent is not needed to release reportable communicable disease information to the health department (HIPPA; 45 CFR §164.512 [b]).

The timely reporting and investigation of communicable diseases is essential in controlling morbidity in Mecklenburg County. For your convenience, the North Carolina communicable disease reporting form can be found on our web site ([www.meckhealth.org](http://www.meckhealth.org)). Our contact information is listed on the attached roster. Our emergency 24/7 contact number is 704.432.0871. If you have any additional questions, telephone Carmel Clements, RN at 980.314.1603 or Kristi McCray, RN at 980.314.9228.

Sincerely,

Gibbie Harris, MSPH, BSN  
Health Director

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## Reporting Communicable Diseases – Mecklenburg County

To request N.C. Communicable Disease Reporting form, telephone 980-314-9201 or 980-314-9220

Mark all correspondence "CONFIDENTIAL"

### Tuberculosis:

TB Clinic 980.314.9470  
Mecklenburg County Public Health FAX 704.432.2493  
2845 Beatties Ford Road  
Charlotte, NC 28216

### Sexually Transmitted Diseases, HIV, & AIDS:

Syphilis and HIV/AIDS Reporting 980.314.9226 or 704.614.2993  
Other STD Reporting 980.314.9220  
Mecklenburg County Public Health FAX 704.336.6200  
3205 Freedom Drive  
Suite 9000  
Charlotte, NC 28208

### All Other Reportable Communicable Diseases

Report to any of the following nurses:

Lori Bowers, RN 980.314.9212  
Shawn Wilson, RN (Child Care Nurse) 980.314.9208  
Tiffiney McKoy, RN 980.314.9207  
Julie Secrest, RN 980.314.9209  
Tammy Moss, RN 980-314-9205  
Deborah Lentz, RN 980-314-9204  
Susannah Stone-Gill, RN 980-314-9203  
Brian Lackey, RN 980-314-9206  
Communicable Disease Control FAX 704.353.1202  
Mecklenburg County Public Health Urgent after-hours 24/7 704-432-0871  
3205 Freedom Drive  
Suite 9000  
Charlotte, NC 28208

### Animal Bite Consultation / Zoonoses / Rabies Prevention:

Jose Pena 980.314.9210  
Communicable Disease Control FAX 704.353-1202  
Mecklenburg County Public Health  
3205 Freedom Drive  
Suite 9000  
Charlotte, NC 28208  
State Veterinarian 919.733.3419  
State after hours 919.733.3419

### Suspected Food borne Outbreaks / Restaurant, Lodging, Pool and Institutional Sanitation:

Food & Facilities Sanitation (Mon-Fri 8-5) 980-314-1620  
Mecklenburg County Public Health (evenings; Sat/Sun) 980.314.1660  
3205 Freedom Drive  
Suite 8000 (pager evenings; Sat/Sun) 704.580.0666  
Charlotte, NC 28208 FAX 704.336.5306

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