



MECKLENBURG COUNTY
Public Health

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To: Healthcare Providers in Mecklenburg County

Thank you for your cooperation in reporting communicable disease 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 condition declared by the Commission to be reported, shall report information required by the Commission to the health director of the county or district in which the physician is consulted.”

General statute 130A-144(b) state that physicians and person 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 pertain to diagnosis, treatment, or prevention of a communicable disease or communicable condition, 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 disease 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). Our contact information is listed on the attached roster. Our emergency 24/7 contact number is 704.432.0871. If you have any questions, telephone Brian Lackey RN at 980.314.9206 or McCray, RN at 980.314.9228

Sincerely,

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