

# Reportable Condition Reporting Guidance



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## Condition Name:

**Anthrax (*Bacillus anthracis*)**

## Condition Name in NBS:

**Anthrax**

## Reporting Timeframe:

**Immediately**

## TO REPORT:

**Step 1:** Call 317-233-7125

317-233-1325 (after hours)



### Step 2:

- NBS users: Report conditions via Morbidity Report in **NBS**
- Non-NBS users: Report with **this** form

## Associated Reportable Laboratory Results

- Bacterial isolation of *Bacillus anthracis*, demonstration antigens by immunohistochemistry (IHC), detection of antibodies by serology, detection of *B. anthracis* or anthrax toxin genes by LRN-validated polymerase chain reaction (PCR), or LF mass spectrometry

## Condition Specific Reporting Details

- Contact the Vector-Borne and Zoonotic Disease Program (business hours) or the epidemiologist on-call (after hours) immediately to report
- Complete Clinical, Epidemiologic, Lab Report and Treatment Information sections within the NBS morbidity report

## Additional Documentation to Include

- Applicable medical records (if available) including outpatient office visits, specialty consults and emergency department/hospital discharge summaries
- Travel history, known animal or potential unpasteurized dairy exposures (imported cheeses, raw milk), and lab exposures
- Name and contact information of follow-up provider should be listed in the Administrative Comments section of the morbidity report

## For more information on anthrax please visit:

<https://www.in.gov/health/idepd/zoonotic-and-vectorborne-epidemiology-entomology/zoonotic-diseases/anthrax/>

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