

Meta Data for Disease Investigation Guidelines

Background: Investigation of infectious diseases is a core function of local public health departments. The Public Health Accreditation Standards as well as state rules and regulations define the specific roles for agencies. The Omaha System can be utilized to document the work of local public health agencies at the community and individual levels of intervention.

Description: The purpose of the Investigation of Infectious Disease Guideline is to document compliance with the Minnesota Department of Health Common Activities Framework description of the roles of local public health agencies as referenced in the Assurances and Agreements signed by each agency which receives funding from the Local Public Health Grant. In addition the guidelines support the documentation required for the annual program reporting to the state health department and may be a tool to support documentation for compliance with Public Health Accreditation Board Standards for domain two.

Population: Persons exposed to and Infectious/Communicable Disease

Diseases and Conditions: Public Health Reporting for Infectious Diseases within a jurisdiction

Practice Setting: Local public health departments or State health departments

Levels of Practice: Community level interventions to document the outbreak response and Individual level interventions for the index case and contacts

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