

REPORTING

WHY IS REPORTING NECESSARY?

The State of Nevada adopted the Regulations Governing the Reporting of Diseases, Exposures, and Sentinel Health events in order to supplement the reporting requirements for communicable diseases specified in Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 441A.

The purpose of these Regulations is to protect the public health, safety and environment through the reporting and investigation of diseases, exposures and sentinel health events of public health importance in the state of Nevada. These Regulations establish definitions; set reporting requirements and procedure; and provide for enforcement.

Reporting is state law, and it is necessary to prevent the spread of disease and protect public health.

The data gathered from reporting is critical to the following public health activities:

- Modeling trends in HIV and STD infection
- Projecting the number of specific communicable disease cases
- Planning future health care needs and services
- Recording the natural history of HIV and other infections
- Planning prevention and evaluating activities
- Identifying people needing services, such as voluntary partner notification, counseling and treatment, from state and local health authorities