

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TECHNICAL NOTES: 1994 - 1998 OHIO REPORTABLE DISEASES</b></p>
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**1) Explanation of tables:**

Data reflect disease incidence for Ohio residents only, but include diseases (malaria, for example) acquired by Ohio residents while traveling out-of-state or overseas.

With the exception of AIDS, HIV infection, and the STDs, data are by date of report; AIDS, HIV infection, and STD data are by date of diagnosis. STD data include cases by year of diagnosis reported through February 21, 2000. AIDS data include cases by year of AIDS diagnosis reported through May 31, 2000. HIV infection data include cases by year of HIV (non-AIDS) diagnosis reported through May 31, 2000. Because the Ohio Department of Health continues to receive reports of AIDS, HIV infection, and STD cases diagnosed in 1998, the totals listed for these diseases are subject to change. Annual summaries of 1992-1997 differ from pre-1992 summaries, in which most infectious diseases were reported by date of disease diagnosis or onset.

Age is that at the time of onset of disease. Month is by month of report, except as noted above for AIDS and STD cases. County refers to patient's residence. If county of residence is unknown, then county of hospital, physician or local health department is used.

**2) Case Criteria:**

For AIDS and HIV cases, the case criteria are those provided in: "1993 Revised Classification System for HIV Infection and Expanded Surveillance Case Definition for AIDS Among Adolescents and Adults," MMWR (Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report) 1992; 41 (No. RR-17).

For all other diseases, the case criteria used are those provided in: "Case Definitions for Infectious Conditions Under Public Health Surveillance," MMWR (Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report) 1997; 46 (No. RR-10), and the Ohio Department of Health Disease Control Manual.

**3) Notes on specific diseases:**

AIDS: Cases whose residence at diagnosis was a correctional facility are excluded from the county statistics, but are included in Ohio totals.

Botulism: includes all categories. In 1998, the four reported cases in Ohio were infant botulism.

Chickenpox: a Class B disease; only the number of cases by month of report are shown here.

Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease: became a reportable disease in Ohio in July 1998.

Cryptosporidiosis: became a reportable disease in Ohio in April 1995.

Cyclosporiasis: became a reportable disease in Ohio in July 1998.

Encephalitis, La Crosse: also known as California serogroup encephalitis.

Encephalitis, other viral: includes herpes encephalitis and primary viral encephalitis, exclusive of arboviral encephalitis.

Encephalitis, post-infection: includes encephalitis following these primary infections: chickenpox, measles, mumps.

HIV infection: Cases whose residence at diagnosis was a correctional facility are excluded from the county statistics, but are included in Ohio totals.

Kawasaki disease: also known as mucocutaneous lymph node syndrome.

Meningitis, other bacterial: In the table "By Year of Report," this category includes only cases of bacterial meningitis for which the agent was specified. In all other tables, "meningitis, other bacterial" includes all cases of bacterial meningitis.

Meningitis, bacterial, unspecified: In the table "By Year of Report," this category includes only cases of bacterial meningitis for which the agent is not specified. In all other tables, this category is combined with "meningitis, other bacterial", as noted above.

Rabies, animal: refers only to cases among animal species. The last reported case of human rabies in Ohio occurred in 1971.

Streptococcal disease, invasive, Group A: became a reportable disease in Ohio on July 11, 1996.

Streptococcal toxic shock syndrome (STSS): became reportable in Ohio on July 11, 1996.

*Streptococcus pneumoniae*, invasive disease (ISP): became reportable in Ohio on July 11, 1996. Prior to November 6, 1996, *S. pneumoniae* meningitis was reported as "meningitis, other bacterial." In 1998, all cases of *S. pneumoniae* meningitis are included in the ISP category.

Typhus, murine: a form of typhus fever.

Vancomycin-resistant enterococcal disease (VRE): became reportable in Ohio on July 11, 1996.

#### **4) Diseases Not Included in Tables:**

There were no known cases in Ohio of the following Class A reportable diseases during at least the past five years. Therefore, they are not included in the 1994-1998 disease tables: anthrax, chancroid, diphtheria, granuloma inguinale, hantavirus, human rabies, plague, poliomyelitis, rubella (not congenital), typhus fever (louse-borne), and yellow fever.

Ehrlichiosis was not a reportable disease in Ohio in 1998 and is not included in the tables.

#### **5) Special Note on *Salmonella* serotypes and Meningococcal Disease serogroups:**

The Bacteriology Laboratory of the Ohio Department of Health performs serotyping of *Salmonella* isolates and serogrouping of *Neisseria meningitidis* isolates. Hospital laboratories and other clinical labs are encouraged to send *Salmonella* isolates and *Neisseria meningitidis* isolates to the ODH Lab for serotyping and serogrouping. For further information on the submission of isolates, please contact the Bacteriology Laboratory at (614) 466-2278.

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