

1998 Annual Summary of Infectious Diseases, Ohio

Introduction

To provide a perspective on the infectious disease reports received in 1998, this summary presents reported diseases by year for the past five years, along with the median and mean number of cases per year for the five year period. Data are also presented by age group of those infected and by month of report. In addition, the frequency of reports for each disease is shown by county. Also included are tables showing the distribution of Salmonella serotypes and Meningococcal disease serogroups.

Readers are encouraged to review the Technical Notes, provided to assist in interpreting the data compiled with the summary.

The sources of these data are individual case and laboratory reports provided by clinicians, clinical institutions, laboratories, and city, county, and combined health districts throughout the state. Although disease notification is both authorized and required by statute and regulation, all who use this summarized data are most appreciative of the diligence and efforts of those who provide the original reports. The efforts of providers and local health departments in responding to these cases have been essential to maintaining the health of Ohioans. Thank you for your continued hard work and dedication.

Questions or comments regarding the Annual Summary or the monthly reports are welcomed, and may be directed to the Bureau of Health Surveillance, Information, & Operational Support at 614/466-1388.