

MEMORANDUM

City of Philadelphia  
Date: 7/18/06

TO: Romulo L. Diaz Jr., City Solicitor

FROM: Jeanne Reedy, Administrative Services Director, Records Dept. 

SUBJECT: Amendments to Regulations Governing the Control of Communicable and Noncommunicable Diseases and Conditions

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The above Regulations promulgated by the Department of Health were received in the Department of Records on 6/15/06 for filing and advertising.

Inasmuch as there were no requests for hearings, these Regulations became effective midnight 7/17/06.

Cc: Carmen I. Paris, MPH, Interim Health Commissioner  
Caroline Johnson, MD, Director, Division of Disease Control

**CITY OF PHILADELPHIA  
DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER**

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** June 8, 2006

**TO:** Joan T. Decker, Commissioner, Department of Records  
**FROM:** Carmen I. Paris, MPH, Interim Health Commissioner *C. Paris*  
**SUBJECT:** **Proposed Amendment to Department of Public Health  
Regulations Governing the Control of Communicable  
and Noncommunicable Diseases and Conditions**

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In accordance with Section 8-407(a) of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, I enclose herewith are the public hearing documents in regard to proposed Amendments to Regulations Governing the Control of Communicable and Noncommunicable Diseases and Conditions to include "Influenza, novel virus with pandemic potential" to the list of reportable diseases.

The following procedural actions were taken.

Approved by Board of Health	6/7/06
Approved by Law Department	5/31/06

It is requested that the attached Department of Public Health amendment to the Regulations Government the Control of Communicable and Noncommunicable Diseases and Conditions be filed for final action by the Department of Records

Should you require anything additional in this matter, please contact Caroline Johnson, MD, Director, Division of Disease Control, 215-685-6740.

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attachments

cc: Caroline Johnson, MD, Director, Division of Disease Control

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## Memorandum

**TO:** Carmen Paris, Interim Health Commissioner  
**FROM:** Lewis Rosman, Senior Attorney  
**DATE:** May 31, 2006  
**SUBJECT:** Amendments To Regulations Governing the Control of Communicable and Noncommunicable Diseases and Conditions

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I have reviewed the attached amendments to the "Regulations Governing the Control of Communicable and Noncommunicable Diseases and Conditions" regarding the addition of "Influenza, novel virus with pandemic potential" to the list of reportable diseases that were submitted to the Law Department and find the amendments to be legal and in proper form. In accordance with Section 8-407(a) of The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, upon approval by the Board of Health you may forward these amendments to the Department of Records where they will be made available for public inspection.



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Lewis Rosman  
Senior Attorney

Attachment



CITY OF PHILADELPHIA  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

PASSED:

BOARD OF HEALTH: June 7, 2006  
LAW DEPARTMENT May 31, 2006  
RECORDS DEPARTMENT \_\_\_\_\_

**AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS  
GOVERNING THE CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE  
AND NONCOMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND CONDITIONS**

**WHEREAS**, Section 6-201 of the Health Code of Philadelphia authorizes the Board of Health to establish lists of reportable diseases and conditions, and

**WHEREAS**, Section 6-202 of the Health Code requires health care providers and laboratories identifying these reportable diseases and conditions designated by the Board, to report the occurrence of such diseases and conditions to the Department;

**WHEREAS**, The Philadelphia Board of Health has adopted *Regulations Governing the Control of Communicable and Non-communicable Diseases and Conditions* ("Regulations");

**WHEREAS**, The Regulations contain a listing of such diseases and the methods of reporting the occurrence thereof in Sections 2, 3 and 10 of said Regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 6-204(1) authorizes the Department to order the isolation of any person found by the attending physician, osteopath, or by the Department to have any disease listed by the Board as a quarantinable disease, in the place, for such period and in such manner as the Board may by regulation prescribe in order to protect public health and to prevent the spread of such disease; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 6-204(2) authorizes the Department to order the quarantine of any person who is reasonably suspected of having or being exposed to any disease listed by the Board as a quarantinable disease in the place and in such manner as the Board may by regulation prescribe in order to protect the public health and prevent the spread of such disease, but such quarantine shall continue only until such time as a prompt and timely determination is made with the approval of the Department whether any person so quarantined does in fact have or is exposed to such disease; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 6-204(3) authorizes the Department to order the isolation of any person found by the attending physician, osteopath, or by the Department to be a carrier of any disease listed by the Board as a quarantinable disease in the place, for such period and in such manner as the Board may by regulation prescribe in order to prevent the spread of disease through such carriers;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Health finds that novel strains of influenza with pandemic potential are infectious diseases of public health importance, and therefore should be included on the list of reportable conditions in the Regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board finds that novel strains of influenza with pandemic potential are infectious diseases of public health importance, and therefore should be subject to regulations imposing isolation and quarantine; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of Health hereby amends the *Regulations Governing the Control of Communicable and Non-communicable Diseases and Conditions* to read as follows (additions in **Bold** and deletions in ~~Strikethrough~~):

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE  
AND NONCOMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND CONDITIONS

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2. REPORTABLE DISEASES AND CONDITIONS

The Board declares the following diseases, unusual outbreaks of illness, noncommunicable diseases and conditions, poisonings and occupational diseases to be reportable:

(a) Diseases

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( ) **Influenza, novel virus with pandemic potential**

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10. REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE CONTROL OF THE INFECTED  
INDIVIDUALS, CONTACTS, AND ENVIRONMENT FOR EACH REPORTABLE DISEASE

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**( ) Influenza, novel virus with pandemic potential**

**(1) Reporting.** Report to the Acute Communicable Disease Control Program by telephone or other equally prompt means immediately, and not more than within 24 hours of suspicion.

a. A novel virus of influenza with pandemic potential shall be defined as a strain with new antigenic properties, such as hemagglutinin or neuraminidase type, that might permit wide dissemination, resulting in significant morbidity and mortality. A novel strain of influenza shall include strains of avian influenza, such as H5N1, but shall not be limited to this antigenic type.

**(2) Isolation.** Patient shall be isolated in a hospital, its equivalent, or home, until up to, at the discretion of the Department, 10 days after onset of symptoms. For hospitalized cases, precautions should consist of droplet and contact precautions, unless otherwise specified by the Department in the course of an outbreak.

**(3) Concurrent disinfection.** Infection control precautions appropriate to interrupt spread of respiratory droplets, hand hygiene and thorough cleaning of bathroom facilities and appropriate disposal or washing of linens and articles contaminated by body fluids.

**(4) Terminal Disinfection.** Terminal disinfection shall consist of thorough cleaning and disinfection.

**(5) Quarantine.** If deemed necessary by the Department, persons who had close contact with an individual with influenza due to a novel virus will be confined to their residence for up to, at the discretion of the Department, 5 days following the most recent exposure, and monitored by the Department for the appearance of disease symptoms.

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