



Larry Hogan, Governor · Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor · Robert R. Neall, Secretary

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RE: Mandatory Reporting of All Infants Perinatally Exposed to HIV

Dear Provider:

This letter serves as a reminder to physicians that there is mandatory reporting of all infants exposed to human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) in Maryland to the state health department. Despite this requirement, many providers do not report infants born to HIV-infected mothers.

What to Report: HIV perinatal exposure (infant whose mother has tested positive for HIV regardless of infant's serostatus).

Who Should Report: Physicians are to report an infant whose mother has tested positive for HIV infection.

When to Report: Physicians must submit a report within 48 hours of the birth of an infant to an HIV-infected mother.

How to Report: The attached Maryland Confidential Morbidity Report Form (DHMH-1140) should be used to notify the state health department of an HIV-exposed infant. This form is also available at: <https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/OIDEOR/CHSE/SiteAssets/Pages/reporting-material/DHMH-1140%20MorbidityReport.pdf>

List the "Disease or Condition" as "HIV Perinatal Exposure" and the "Suspected Source of Infection" as "Perinatal Exposure".

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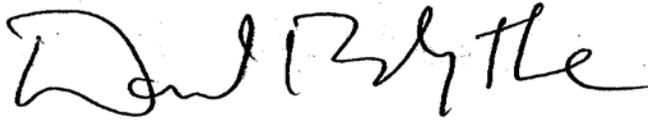
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Why to Report: Maryland law requires it. Maryland Code Annotated, Health-General § 18-207 and Maryland regulations COMAR 10.18.02.04 require physicians to report infants born to mothers who have tested positive for HIV infection.

More importantly, it is vital for MDH to work with physicians to track this information in order to identify infected children as early as possible to enroll them into care, thus preventing the progression of HIV disease. This information is used to identify missed prevention opportunities, to target resources, and to refine prevention messages and strategies.

Thanks for your attention to this important matter. If you have any questions about this requirement or about the details of reporting of infants exposed to HIV, contact Morgan Boyer of the MDH Center for HIV Surveillance, Epidemiology and Evaluation at morgan.boyer@maryland.gov or 410-767-3523.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Blythe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" and last name "Blythe" clearly distinguishable.

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