**Compliance Guide for New Regulations for Small Businesses**

**COMAR 10.06.01 Communicable Diseases and Related Conditions of Public Health Importance**

* ***What does this regulation do?***

This regulation makes necessary updates to disease control measures, standardizes language and formatting, aligns record maintenance and confidentiality language with statute, and updates and adds incorporated by reference documents.

* ***Who is subject to the new regulation?***

Local health departments will be responsible for interpreting and enforcing these regulations. There will be minor changes in reporting requirements for physicians, providers, and laboratories.

* ***Why were the new regulations proposed?***

The new regulations were proposed to ensure that appropriate follow-up measures are taken to record and report communicable diseases. This proposal updates regulations about the control of communicable diseases, and changes will protect the health, safety, and welfare of Marylanders by ensuring the Department’s guidelines on control of communicable diseases are aligned with the most updated clinical science.

* ***When are the regulations effective?***

Regulations are effective upon approval.

* ***Is funding available to implement new requirements established by the regulation?***

No.

* ***Are there other resources available for implementing the requirements of the regulation?***

No.

* ***Is there assistance available to help understand the requirements of the regulation?***

Yes. The Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Outbreak Response Bureau is available to explain any changes to existing requirements, or new requirements, made by this regulation. The Bureau can be contacted at (410) 767-6700.