

### **135.145 Information sharing.**

1. When the department of public safety or other federal, state, or local law enforcement agency learns of a case of a reportable disease or health condition, unusual cluster, or a suspicious event that may be the cause of a public health disaster, the department or agency shall immediately notify the department, the administrator of the homeland security and emergency management division of the department of public defense, the department of agriculture and land stewardship, and the department of natural resources as appropriate.
2. When the department learns of a case of a reportable disease or health condition, an unusual cluster, or a suspicious event that the department reasonably believes could potentially be caused by bioterrorism or other act of terrorism, the department shall immediately notify the department of public safety, the homeland security and emergency management division of the department of public defense, and other appropriate federal, state, and local agencies and officials.
3. Sharing of information on reportable diseases, health conditions, unusual clusters, or suspicious events between the department and public safety authorities and other governmental agencies shall be restricted to sharing of only the information necessary for the prevention, control, and investigation of a public health disaster.
4. Release of information pursuant to this section shall be consistent with the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Pub. L. No. 104-191.

2003 Acts, ch 33, §6, 11; 2003 Acts, ch 179, §157

#### **Footnotes**

Reportable disease; §139A.3