

CHAPTER 62
REPORTABLE DISEASES
H. F. 784

AN ACT relating to reports of reportable disease.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 139.1, subsection 1, Code 1981, is amended to read as follows:

1. "Communicable disease" shall mean any infectious or contagious disease spread from man person to man person or animal to man person.

Sec. 2. Section 139.1, subsection 4, Code 1981, is amended to read as follows:

4. "Quarantine" shall mean the limitation of freedom of movement of persons or animals that have been exposed to a communicable disease within specified limits marked by placards for a period of time equal to the longest usual incubation period of the disease in such manner as to prevent the spread of a communicable disease which affects man people.

Sec. 3. Section 139.2, Code 1981, is amended to read as follows:

139.2 REPORT TO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. The physician or other health practitioner attending any a person infected with a reportable disease shall immediately report ~~the--same~~ the case to the state department of health, ~~except.~~ However, when a case occurs within the jurisdiction of a local health department ~~such the~~ report shall be made ~~directly~~ to the local health department and to the state department of health. The state department of health shall publish and distribute instructions concerning method of reporting. ~~Such-reports~~ Reports shall be made in accordance with rules adopted by the state department of health. Any person in good faith making a report of a disease ~~shall--have~~ has immunity from any liability, civil or criminal, which might otherwise be incurred or imposed for making a report. A report to the state department of health, to a local board of health, or to a local health department, which identifies a person infected with a reportable disease, is confidential and shall not be accessible to the public. However, information contained in the report may be reported in public health records in a manner which prevents the identification of any person named in the report.

Sec. 4. Section 68A.7, Code 1981, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. Information in a report to the state department of health, to a local board of health, or to a local health department, which identifies a person infected with a reportable disease.

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