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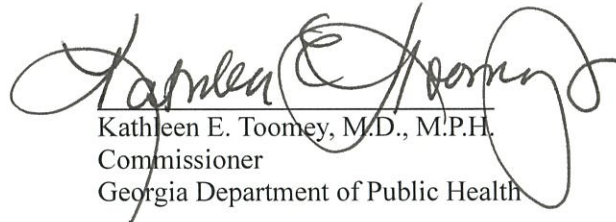
NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS

Revisions to Chapter 511-2-4
"Reporting of Sexually Transmitted Disease"

The Department of Public Health hereby adopts a new title, noted above, and amendments to Rule 511-2-4, previously titled "Reporting of Venereal Disease," as provided in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking issued on December 19, 2024. This action is taken pursuant to the Department's authority under Georgia Code Section 31-2A-6, 31-12-2, and 31-17-2.

In accordance with Georgia Code Section 31-5-1, the above-listed amendments will take effect on March 12, 2025.

This 10th day of February, 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kathleen E. Toomey', is written over a horizontal line. Below the line, the text 'Kathleen E. Toomey, M.D., M.P.H., Commissioner Georgia Department of Public Health' is printed in a black, sans-serif font.

We protect lives.

**RULES OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

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Unless a different meaning is required by the context, the following terms as used in these Rules shall have the meaning hereinafter respectively ascribed to same:

- (a) "Department" means the Georgia Department of Public Health.
- (b) "Sexually Transmitted Disease" is any case of chlamydia, syphilis, gonorrhea or chancroid.
- (c) "Case of Sexually Transmitted Disease" is any person diagnosed as having a sexually transmitted disease.
- (d) "Test" is any laboratory procedure conducted for the purpose of aiding in the discovery or diagnosis of a sexually transmitted disease.
- (e) "Reactive or Positive Test" means any laboratory result suggesting the presence of sexually transmitted disease.

Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 31-2A-6, 31-12-2, 31-17-2, 31-17-4, 31-17-4.1, 31-17-4.2, 31-17-5, 31-17-6.

Rule 511-2-4-.02 Reporting of Sexually Transmitted Disease

- (1) Any physician or other person who makes a diagnosis of or treats a case of sexually transmitted disease, any superintendent or manager of a hospital, dispensary, or charitable or penal institution in which there is discovered a case of sexually transmitted disease shall report it immediately to the Department. Each such sexually transmitted disease case shall be reported to the Department by giving name, address, color, age, sex, and a diagnosis on forms furnished by the Department.
- (2) All laboratories conducting tests for sexually transmitted disease shall report to the Department daily, as they occur, all reactive or positive tests for sexually transmitted disease by giving name, address, color, age and sex of patient on forms furnished by the Department.
- (3) Information reported on these forms shall be kept confidential by the Department.

Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 31-2A-6, 31-12-2, 31-17-2, 31-17-4, 31-17-4.1, 31-17-4.2, 31-17-5, 31-17-6.