



December 19, 2024

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

Chapter 511-2-4 “Reporting of Venereal Disease”

The Department of Public Health proposes revisions to the rules located in Chapter 511-2-4, “Reporting of Venereal Disease” pursuant to its authority under Georgia Code Sections 31-2A-6, 31-12-2, 31-17-2.

The purpose of the proposed rulemaking is to update terminology for sexually transmitted diseases pursuant to legislative amendments.

The proposed rules are posted on the Department's website <http://dph.georgia.gov/regulationsrule-making>. Interested persons may submit comments on these proposed revisions in writing addressed to:

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Written comments must be submitted on or before January 10, 2025. Oral comments may be presented online or via phone at a public meeting scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 9, 2025. To join the public meeting:

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The Commissioner of Public Health will consider the proposed rules for adoption on or about January 30, 2025, to become effective on or about March 1, 2025.



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**RULES OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

**CHAPTER 511-2
DISEASE SURVEILLANCE AND CONTROL**

**511-2-4
REPORTING OF ~~VENEREAL~~ SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE**

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Rule 511-2-4-.01 Definitions

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

- (1) Any physician or other person who makes a diagnosis of or treats a case of ~~venereal~~ sexually transmitted disease, any superintendent or manager of a hospital, dispensary, or charitable or penal institution in which there is discovered a case of ~~venereal~~ sexually transmitted disease shall report it immediately to the Department. Each such ~~venereal~~ 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 ~~venereal~~ sexually transmitted disease shall report to the Department daily, as they occur, all reactive or positive tests for ~~venereal~~ 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.