

# Pediatric Asthma Mortality Reporting

Asthma deaths are preventable. Vital records do not always capture all of the information needed to inform medical and community prevention initiatives that help prevent future deaths.

Pursuant to DPH’s Rule 511-2-1-.05, effective May 27, 2015, every coroner, medical examiner or physician who examines a patient under the age of 18 is required to complete a report regarding the death of that patient in circumstances indicating that asthma was or may have been the cause of (or a contributing factor to) death. Reports must be submitted to DPH within ten days of death.

Data gathered from the Pediatric Asthma Mortality Report will be used to gain a better understanding of the cause of asthma deaths and subsequent health impacts of asthma among Georgia’s children. Georgia is the first state to implement this type of reporting protocol.

## Roles and Responsibilities

Physicians/Medical Examiners/Coroners	Department of Public Health	Partners & Other Stakeholders
Within 10 days of a death, complete the <i>Pediatric Asthma Mortality Report</i> for the death of any child due to asthma-related causes. The online data portal can be found here: <a href="http://dph.georgia.gov/asthma-0">http://dph.georgia.gov/asthma-0</a>	Collect and analyze pediatric asthma mortality data.  Release <b>annual</b> reports to medical providers and identified stakeholders.  Implement tailored interventions to prevent pediatric asthma deaths.	Disseminate information regarding the Pediatric Asthma Mortality Reporting Form & Online Data Portal to those required to report deaths.

## Frequently Asked Questions

<b>Q: Are physicians, medical examiners, and/or coroners required to complete the report 10 days after the death occurred OR 10 days after the examination?</b>	<b>A:</b> Within 10 days of the death of a child
<b>Q: Is a password required in order to use the online portal?</b>	<b>A:</b> No
<b>Q: Will users be able to re-enter the portal once mortality information has been submitted?</b>	<b>A:</b> No, users will not be able to re-enter the online portal once the report has been submitted. If additional information must be entered, users should complete the printable version of the form located: <a href="http://dph.georgia.gov/asthma-0">http://dph.georgia.gov/asthma-0</a> and fax it to: 404-463-8954
<b>Q: How should users complete sections regarding lab results and reported patient history if the information is not readily available when filling out the report?</b>	<b>A:</b> Users should complete the form to the best of their ability with the information available to them. If additional information must be entered, users should complete the printable version of the form: located at <a href="http://dph.georgia.gov/asthma-0">http://dph.georgia.gov/asthma-0</a> and fax it to: 404-463-8954
<b>Q: How and when will reports be made available to medical providers and additional stakeholders?</b>	<b>A:</b> Electronic reports will be made available to the appropriate entities annually, beginning in 2016.



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