

Technical Notes

Purpose of Report

The intent of this report is to share local data for newly diagnosed reportable diseases with Physicians and other Health Care Providers in the North Bay Parry Sound District (NBPSD).

Frequency and Timing of Report

Reports will be released quarterly, with the first edition released August 2007. It will summarize data from the previous months.

Report Content

The report summarizes monthly and cumulative crude counts, as well as annual rates per 100,000 (based on the most recent postcensal population estimates) for the NBPSD. A more in-depth understanding of disease risk would require consideration of descriptive epidemiologic factors such as age, gender and risk factors and how this has changed over time, all of which are not included in this report.

Disease Groupings

Diseases are grouped according to their main mode of transmission, and not all reportable diseases are included if rarely seen (therefore, the list may grow as the year progresses). For a complete list of Reportable Diseases visit www.nbpsdhu.on.ca.

Cases

Case definitions are based on laboratory test results and/or clinical diagnostic criteria as outlined by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC). Only those cases that meet the MOHLTC case definitions are captured in this report. Data only includes cases that are newly diagnosed. It does not include cases that are new to the NBPSDHU, but have been diagnosed elsewhere.

Cases are listed by month according to the 'date reported' to the Health Unit as recorded in Integrated Public Health Information System (iPHIS).

Report Sources

Cases of reportable diseases are reported to the Medical Officer of Health at North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (NBPSDHU) under the Health Protection and Promotion Act (HPPA).

Cases are reported primarily by physicians, laboratories, infection control practitioners, long term care homes, child care centres, and schools.

All data are retrieved from the provincially mandated Integrated Public Health Information System (iPHIS). iPHIS is an information system for public health reporting and surveillance in Ontario.