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Mission Statement

Good health is basic to the enjoyment of a full and productive life. Our mission is to provide the best possible opportunity for good health to the citizens of Nolan county.

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The Importance of Disease Reporting: By Shelia Ellison, L.V.N.

Public health agencies are charged with preventing disease and injury in humans. One of the key-stones of disease prevention is the reporting of certain diseases by physicians, veterinarians, and other health professionals. These conditions can be sexually transmitted diseases, food borne illnesses, or vaccine preventable disease.

Several Texas laws found in the Health & Safety Code, Chapters 81,84, and 87 require specific information regarding notifiable conditions be provided to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). All diseases shall be reported by name, age, sex, race/ethnicity, DOB, address, telephone number, disease, date of onset, method of diagnosis, and name, address, and telephone of physician.

Most notifiable conditions, or other illnesses that may be of public health significance, should be reported directly to the local health department or health services regions. Reports can also be made by telephone to the statewide reporting number, 1-800-705-8868. It is designed to route a caller to the appropriate local or regional health entity. Paper reporting forms can be obtained by calling your local or health service region.

Texas law requires health care providers to report the following five sexually transmitted diseases; HIV and AIDS, Syphilis, Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, and Chancroid.

When reporting HIV and AIDS cases among adults or adolescents ages 13 and older, submit a completed Adult HIV/AIDS Confidential Case Report Form to your local reporting authority within seven calendar days.

The information that should be included in the report should be the patient's demographics, residence of diagnosis, facility at diagnosis, personal history, lab tests, clinical status, medical treatment, and testing and treatment history.

On the following page, you will find the list of notifiable conditions for 2018, information on each condition and when to report it.

Call Sweetwater-Nolan County Health Department Immediately 24/7

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