

**Don't Forget Who to  
Contact!!!!**

**Brazos County Health  
Department**

**Phone: (979) 361-4440**

**Fax: (979) 823-2275**

**Texas Department of  
Health:**

**(800) 705-8868**

[http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/ideas/  
report/report.htm](http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/ideas/report/report.htm)

**Centers for Disease Control  
and Prevention:**

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/>

**Brazos County Health  
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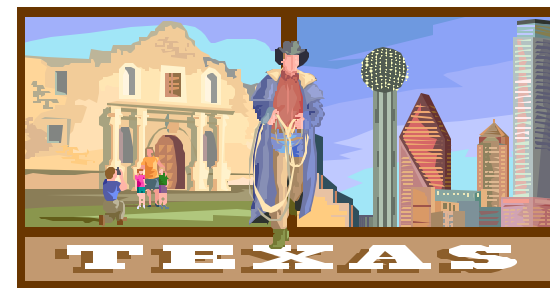
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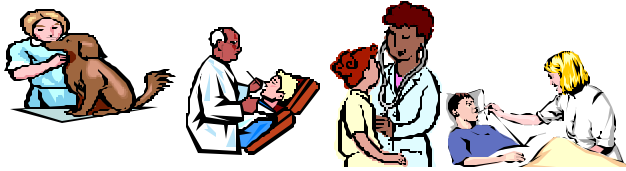
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**Stop the Spread of  
Disease**



**Report To Your Local Health  
Department**

## Who Should Report?



- 1) Any healthcare worker (including dentists and vets!)
- 2) Daycare workers
- 3) School officials
- 4) Anyone with any knowledge of the presence of a reportable disease.

## What Do I Report?

- 1) All diseases listed by the Texas Department of Health (TDH) (list found at <http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/ideas/report/report.htm>)
- 2) Unusually large sales of certain pharmacologicals (Imodium, flu treatments, etc...)
- 3) Unusually large numbers of people complaining of flu-like symptoms, especially when occurring outside of the normal flu season.



## Why Should I Report?

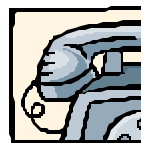
- 1) Reporting is required by Texas law (Communicable Disease Prevention and Control Act, Texas Administrative Code – Title 25, Chapter 97)
- 2) Increased threat of a biological attack
- 3) Protection of the public against contagious, and possibly life-threatening diseases



## To Whom Do I Report?

- 1) Brazos County Health Department: (979) 361-4440
- 2) Texas Department of Health: (800) 705-8868
- 3) 911 dispatch in the case of a biological attack: (979) 361-3888

## How Do I Report?



- 1) Fill out a TDH reporting form and mail or fax to the Brazos County Health Department (form available at <http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/ideas/report/report.htm>)
- 2) Call the Brazos County Health Department

## FAQ's

**How can I report patient information and still remain compliant with the new HIPAA privacy laws?**

According to the Communicable Disease Prevention and Control Act, Section 159.004, **an exception to the privilege of confidentiality... exists with a governmental agency, if required or authorized by law.**

According to the Communicable Disease Prevention and Control Act, Section 241.153, you may provide patient information to **a federal, state, or local government agency or authority to the extent authorized by the law** without a patient's written permission.

**Where can I learn more about biological agents and symptoms of exposure?**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has a wealth of information on its website at: <http://www.bt.cdc.gov/>

You can also contact the Brazos County Health Department for times and dates of various educational programs on communicable diseases and bioterrorism. In some cases you can earn continuing education credits for attendance.

**Is there software available to help expedite reporting?**



There are many software packages available to aid in the reporting process. Unfortunately, many are very expensive and have compatibility issues. TDH is considering testing various software packages for standardized use in the Brazos Valley.

Also, in the future the Brazos County Health Department hopes to provide a more user-friendly reporting process.