

**CHAPTER 57  
COMMUNICABLE DISEASES**

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Subchapter 6, Cancer Registry, was adopted as R.1986 d.277, effective June 16, 1986. See: 17 N.J.R. 2836(b), 18 N.J.R. 1283(a).

Subchapter 6, Cancer Registry, was recodified as N.J.A.C. 8:57A by R.1990 d.242, effective May 21, 1990. See: 21 N.J.R. 3909(a), 22 N.J.R. 1596(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 57, Communicable Diseases, was readopted as R.1990 d.243, effective April 20, 1990, and Subchapter 2, Isolation of Persons Ill or Infected with a Communicable Disease, and Subchapter 3, Poliomyelitis Vaccine Records, were repealed by R.1990 d.243, effective June 4, 1990. See: 21 N.J.R. 3897(a), 22 N.J.R. 1766(a).

Subchapter 2, Reporting of Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome and Infection with Human Immunodeficiency Virus, was adopted as new rules by R.1990 d.244, effective May 21, 1990, operative June 4, 1990. See: 21 N.J.R. 3905(a), 22 N.J.R. 1592(a).

Subchapter 3, Reportable Occupational and Environmental Diseases and Poisons, was adopted as new rules by R.1990 d.245, effective May 21, 1990, operative June 4, 1990. See: 21 N.J.R. 3907(a), 22 N.J.R. 1595(a).

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Subchapter 1, Reportable Communicable Diseases, was repealed and Subchapter 1, Reportable Communicable Diseases, was adopted as new rules by R.1995 d.277, effective June 5, 1995. See: 27 N.J.R. 420(a), 27 N.J.R. 2216(a).

Subchapter 6, Higher Education Immunization, was adopted as emergency new rules by R.1995 d.518, effective August 21, 1995, to expire October 20, 1995. See: 27 N.J.R. 3631(a). The concurrent proposal of Subchapter 6 was adopted as R.1995 d.587, effective October 20, 1995, with changes effective November 20, 1995. See: 27 N.J.R. 3631(a), 27 N.J.R. 4701(a).

Subchapter 5, Confinement of Persons with Tuberculosis, was adopted as new rules by R.1996 d.130, effective March 18, 1996. See: 27 N.J.R. 3657(a), 28 N.J.R. 1507(a).

Subchapter 7, Student Health Insurance Coverage, was adopted as R.1997 d.347, effective August 18, 1997. See: 29 N.J.R. 2261(a), 29 N.J.R. 3727(a).

Subchapter 8, Childhood Immunization Insurance Coverage, was adopted as R.1998 d.434, effective August 17, 1998. See: 30 N.J.R. 44(a), 30 N.J.R. 3101(a).

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**Cross References**

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### SUBCHAPTER 1. REPORTABLE COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

#### 8:57-1.1 Purpose and scope

(a) The purpose of this subchapter is to expedite the reporting of certain diseases or outbreaks of disease so that appropriate action can be taken to protect the public health. The latest edition of the American Public Health Association's publication, "Control of Communicable Diseases Manual," should be used as a reference, providing guidelines for the characteristics and control of communicable diseases, unless other guidelines are issued by the Department.

(b) For purposes of research, surveillance, and/or in response to technological developments in disease detection or control, the Commissioner, or his or her designee, is empowered to amend the diseases specified in this subchapter for such periods of time as may be necessary to control disease, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq.

Amended by R.1990 d.243, effective June 4, 1990.

See: 21 N.J.R. 3897(a), 22 N.J.R. 1766(a).

Purpose and scope text separated from Foreword; balance of Foreword deleted.

#### 8:57-1.2 Definitions

The following words and terms, as used in this subchapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

"Bioterrorism" means premeditated use of biological agents (bacteria, viruses, etc.) to cause death or disease in humans, animals or crops.