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Subject: CDC has approval to add leptospirosis to the National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System, January 2014

In 2012, the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists requested that CDC add leptospirosis to the National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System (NNDSS), as per position statement 12-ID-02 titled *Public Health Reporting and National Notification for Leptospirosis* (<http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.cste.org/resource/resmgr/PS/12-ID-02FINAL.pdf>). In order to add this condition to the NNDSS, we requested Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) approval. We have received OMB PRA approval. Leptospirosis appears on the 2014 list of nationally notifiable infectious diseases on the NNDSS web site (<http://www.cdc.gov/nndss/>) along with its national surveillance case definition. In anticipation of receiving OMB PRA approval, leptospirosis was added to *MMWR* Table I [Provisional cases of infrequently reported notifiable diseases (<1,000 cases reported during the preceding year) – United States] (refer to: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/wk/mm6303md.pdf>) at the beginning of this year. We are now officially requesting that reporting jurisdictions submit case notifications of core data to the NNDSS for this condition. The leptospirosis case report form is available on the CDC internet ([http://www.cdc.gov/leptospirosis/pdf/Lepto\\_CRF\\_2013.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/leptospirosis/pdf/Lepto_CRF_2013.pdf)) for your information. Thank you very much for your reporting efforts throughout the year. Your input is essential as we continue to work together to prevent and control these diseases.

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