



Adoption of N.J.A.C. 8:57-2.12 School Data Reporting

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Public Health Message Type: Alert Advisory Update Information

Intended Audience: All public health partners Healthcare providers Infection preventionists
 Local health departments Schools/childcare centers ACOs
 Animal health professionals Animal health professionals
 Other:

The New Jersey Department of Health (Department) has formally adopted updates to the New Jersey Administrative Code Title 8 - Health, Chapter 57 – Communicable Diseases (N.J.A.C. 8:57). The notice of adoption appears in the January 20, 2026, issue of the *New Jersey Register*. Information about accessing the New Jersey Administrative Code and the New Jersey Register is available at <https://www.nj.gov/oal/rules/accesp/>. These rules are effective upon publication; however, implementation timelines vary by subchapter. The Department's Communicable Disease Service is providing this notice to highlight changes specific to subchapter 2 below, which is part of the broader N.J.A.C. 8:57 adoption.

- **N.J.A.C. 8:57-2.12 School Data Reporting**

(a) A school administrator shall ensure that the school reports the following data into the CDRSS between 12:01 A.M. Tuesday and 5:00 P.M. Wednesday ('reporting date'):

1. Student census (total number of enrolled students) as of the Tuesday of the reporting date;
2. Number of students absent on the Tuesday of the reporting date;
3. Reason for each student's absence on the Tuesday of the reporting date; and
4. During the Monday through Sunday of the week preceding the reporting date, the number of outbreaks of a communicable disease, infection, or condition that were known or suspected to have occurred, and, if an outbreak occurred, the communicable disease, infection, or condition that was known or suspected to have occurred as an outbreak.

Notable Changes:

- Previously, schools were required to report data through Executive Directive 21-011. School reporting is now included in the administrative code.

Implementation:

- All K-12 public and private schools should continue to report into the Surveillance for Infectious Conditions Module (SIC) located within CDRSS (Communicable Disease Reporting and Surveillance System).
- Surveillance data should be entered each week even if there are no outbreaks or absences to report at the school for the reporting period.

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References and Resources:

[NJDOH School Health](#)

[CDRSS Reporting](#)