

Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008

**DECLARATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 126(1) OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND
WELLBEING ACT 2008**

ORDER IN COUNCIL

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and to provide an alternative notification regime, the Governor in Council under section 126(1) of the **Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008** declares severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), the virus responsible for COVID-19, to be a notifiable condition.

The Order relates to notification by registered medical practitioners and pathology services.

The details to be included with a notification are the notification details specified in the Schedule to the Order.

Notification of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), the virus responsible for COVID-19, is required as soon as practicable and in any case, no later than within 24 hours.

The manner for notification by pathology services is any one of the following:

- (a) electronically through the website of the Department of Health;
- (b) electronically through Electronic Laboratory Reporting;
- (c) by facsimile transmission.

The manner for notification by registered medical practitioners is electronically through the website of the Department of Health.

The Order has effect throughout Victoria.

The Order comes into effect on the date it is published in the Government Gazette and has effect for a period of 12 months from that date.

Dated: **31 AUG 2021**

Responsible Minister:

Martin Foley MP
Minister for Health


Clerk of the Executive Council

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SCHEDULE TO THE ORDER IN COUNCIL

Notification details – pathology services

Item 1—Case information

- 1.1 Family name
- 1.2 Given name(s)
- 1.3 Healthcare identifier
- 1.4 Medicare number
- 1.5 Date of birth
- 1.6 Sex
- 1.7 Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander status
- 1.8 Residential address
- 1.9 Contact details of patient/parent/guardian, including a telephone number

Item 2—Clinical information

- 2.1 Notifiable condition
- 2.2 If the notifiable condition is blood lead greater than 5µg/dL, whether or not the test was requested as part of routine biological monitoring as prescribed by regulation 196, 197 or 198 of the Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2017
- 2.3 Specimen details
- 2.4 Clinical notes

Item 3—Testing information

- 3.1 Test details (including details of any nucleic acid test performed)
- 3.2 Result details (including results of any nucleic acid test performed)
- 3.3 Results of all antimicrobial susceptibility testing (including minimum inhibitory concentration values)

Item 4—Requesting medical practitioner information

- 4.1 Family name
- 4.2 Given name(s)
- 4.3 Health service/clinic/practice name
- 4.4 Health service/clinic/practice address
- 4.5 Contact details
- 4.6 Medicare provider number or AHPRA registration number
- 4.7 Request date

Item 5—Pathology service information

- 5.1 Name of person authorising results



- 5.2 Pathology service name
- 5.3 Pathology service address
- 5.4 Contact telephone number
- 5.5 NATA accreditation number
- 5.6 Report date

Notification details – registered medical practitioners

Item 1 – Case information

- 1.1 Family name
- 1.2 Given name(s)
- 1.3 Healthcare identifier
- 1.4 Medicare number
- 1.5 Date of birth
- 1.6 Sex
- 1.7 Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander status
- 1.8 Residential address
- 1.9 Contact details of patient/parent/guardian, including a telephone number

Item 2 – Clinical information

- 2.1 Notifiable condition
- 2.2 Mortality details
- 2.3 Morbidity details
- 2.4 Illness history and details

Item 3 – Risk factor information

- 3.1 Risk factor details

Item 4 – Reporting medical practitioner information

- 4.1 Family name
- 4.2 Given name(s)
- 4.3 Health service/clinic/practice name
- 4.4 Health service/clinic/practice address
- 4.5 Contact details
- 4.6 Medicare provider number or AHPRA registration number
- 4.7 Report date

