

## NOTICE

# TO HEADS OF ANIMAL HEALTH LABORATORIES

FEBRUARY 2025

Heads of laboratories must immediately inform the Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation of all lab results that indicate the presence of a disease designated by the [Regulation to designate contagious or parasitic diseases, infectious agents and syndromes](#) (sections 1, 2, 3 and 5).

Early reporting makes it possible to take any necessary action to protect animal health and public health.

### LIST OF REPORTABLE DISEASES

In addition to [reportable diseases](#) (section 1 of the Québec regulation) and [immediately notifiable diseases for terrestrial and aquatic animals \(section 2 of the same regulation\)](#), heads of animal health laboratories must **immediately** report any lab results that indicate the presence of one of the following contagious or parasitic diseases, infectious agents or syndromes.

**Any results of follow-up tests carried out to better characterize the disease, agent or syndrome in the sample must also be reported.**

- Arboviruses (other than arboviruses designated under sections 1 and 2)
- Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2)
- Coxiellosis or Q fever (*Coxiella burnetii*)
- Swine delta coronavirus
- Porcine epidemic diarrhea (virus responsible for PED)
- Swine dysentery (*Brachyspira hyodysenteriae* and *hampsonii*)
- Ovine epididymitis (*Brucella ovis*)
- Transmissible gastroenteritis of pigs (virus responsible for TGE)
- Type A influenza (other than the subtypes designated under section 1)
- Leptospirosis (*Leptospira interrogans*)
- Avian mycoplasmosis (*Mycoplasma* spp.)
- Equine herpesvirus myeloencephalopathy
- Paratuberculosis (*Mycobacterium avium* subsp. *paratuberculosis*)
- Salmonellosis (*Salmonella* spp.)
- Senecavirus A
- Tularaemia (*Francisella tularensis*)

### REPORTABLE DISEASES THAT AFFECT BEES

- African bee (*Apis mellifera scutellata*) and its hybrids
- Tropilaelaps mites (*Tropilaelaps* spp.)
- American foulbrood (*Paenibacillus larvae*)
- Small hive beetle (*Aethina tumida*)

## WHO TO CONTACT



Reports must be sent **via email** to the reporting centre of the Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation at [animaux@mapaq.gouv.qc.ca](mailto:animaux@mapaq.gouv.qc.ca).



Questions? Call 1-844-ANIMAUX (264-6289, toll-free) and speak with the reporting centre.

## WHAT TO INCLUDE IN YOUR REPORT

Heads of animal health laboratories must provide the following details in writing:

- The name, address and telephone number of the laboratory where samples of animal tissues, products, secretions, excreta or dejecta or samples of an animal's environment have been analysed
- The contagious or parasitic disease, the infectious agent or the syndrome that is being reported
- The date on which the laboratory received the sample and the date on which the sample was collected
- The analysis made and the result, including information regarding the serotypes or subtypes of the infectious agent
- The date on which the result of the analysis made is obtained
- The identification code the laboratory assigned to the sample
- The name, address and telephone number of the owner or keeper of the animal from which the sample was taken and the name, address and telephone number of the person who requested the analysis
- The species and the category of animal to which the sample refers
- Every identification of the animal, including an identification recognized under another identification system established by the Government of Canada or the government of another province or Canadian territory, or by the competent authority of the country of origin of the animal
- The address of the site where the sample was collected

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Many diseases that must be reported to Québec authorities must also be reported to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency. Visit their page on [Animal health](#) to learn more.