

# NOTICE

## TO ANIMAL OWNERS AND KEEPERS REQUIREMENT TO REPORT POSITIVE TEST RESULTS

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Amendments to the *Animal Health Protection Act* (CQLR, chapter P-42) entered into force on October 8, 2024. These amendments set **new results reporting requirements** for people who submit samples for testing outside of Québec and receive a result indicating the presence of a disease. The Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation (MAPAQ) must be informed as quickly as possible of any suspected or diagnosed diseases 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 actions needed to protect animal health and public health.

### NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR REPORTING RESULTS TO MAPAQ

In addition to being [required to report](#) any signs that indicate the presence of a contagious or parasitic diseases, infectious agents or syndromes designated under Québec regulation, animal owners and keepers are subject to other requirements in the rare cases in which they request testing and submit their own samples to a lab outside of Québec. In such cases, animal owners and keepers must immediately report any results that indicate the presence of a disease, agent or syndrome to MAPAQ.

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

This new requirement will ensure MAPAQ receives test results that were not processed by a Québec lab for diseases that require monitoring or response.

The following tables list the contagious or parasitic diseases, infectious agents and syndromes that animal owners or keepers **must report to MAPAQ** when they submit a sample for testing outside of Québec.

#### Reportable diseases in mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians

##### CONTAGIOUS OR PARASITIC DISEASES, INFECTIOUS AGENTS OR SYNDROMES

Contagious agalactia

Anaplasmosis (*A. marginale*)

Equine infectious anemia

Arboviruses (other than those indicated elsewhere in the tables)

Bovine babesiosis (*B. bovis*)

Besnoitiosis

Brucellosis

Avian chlamydiosis (*C. psittaci*)

Fowl cholera (avian pasteurellosis)

Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2)

Bovine cysticercosis

Swine delta coronavirus

**CONTAGIOUS OR PARASITIC DISEASES,  
INFECTIOUS AGENTS OR SYNDROMES**

Lumpy skin disease

Porcine epidemic diarrhea

Dourine

Swine dysentery

Japanese encephalitis

Enterovirus encephalomyelitis (Teschén disease)

Avian encephalomyelitis

Western and Eastern equine encephalomyelitis

Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis

Louping-ill

Bovine spongiform encephalopathy

Ovine epididymitis (*Brucella ovis*)

Foot-and-mouth disease

Tick-borne fever (*Cytoecetes phagocytophilia*)

Bluetongue

Anthrax (*Bacillus anthracis*)

Rift Valley fever

West Nile fever

Bovine ephemeral fever

Bovine petechial fever

Q fever (coxiellosis, *Coxiella burnetii*)

Transmissible gastroenteritis of pigs

Heartwater (*cowdriosis*)

Epizootic haemorrhagic disease

Duck hepatitis

Herpes virus of cervidae

Goose parvovirus infection (Derzsy's disease)

Aino virus infection

Type A influenza (other than the subtypes H5 and H7)

Highly pathogenic and low pathogenic avian influenza  
(subtypes H5 and H7)

Avian infectious laryngotracheitis

Tissue worm (*Elasphostrongylus cervi*)

**CONTAGIOUS OR PARASITIC DISEASES,  
INFECTIOUS AGENTS OR SYNDROMES**

Leptospirosis (*Leptospira interrogans*)

Epizootic lymphangitis

Akabane disease

Borna disease

Nairobi sheep disease

Newcastle disease

Chronic wasting disease of cervids

Wesselbron's disease

Ibaraki disease

Viral haemorrhagic disease of rabbits

Swine vesicular disease

Contagious equine metritis

Glanders

Avian mycoplasmosis (*Mycoplasma* spp.)

Equine herpesvirus myeloencephalopathy (equine herpesvirus type 1)

Screwworm (*Cochliomyia hominivorax* and *Chrysomya bezziana*)

Paratuberculosis (*Mycobacterium avium* subsp. *paratuberculosis*)

Rinderpest

Peste des petits ruminants (PPR, sheep and goat plague)

African horse sickness

African swine fever

Classical swine fever

Equine piroplasmosis

Contagious bovine pleuropneumonia

Contagious caprine pleuropneumonia

Pseudorabies (Aujeszky's disease)

Pullorum disease

Rabies

Turkey viral rhinotracheitis or swollen head disease in chickens

Salmonellosis (*Salmonella* other than *Gallinarum* et *Pullorum*)

Senecavirus A (Seneca Valley virus)

Vesicular stomatitis

**CONTAGIOUS OR PARASITIC DISEASES,  
INFECTIOUS AGENTS OR SYNDROMES**

Egg drop syndrome (*adenovirus*)

Theileriasis

Scrapie

Trichinellosis

Trypanosomiasis (exotic to Canada)

Bovine tuberculosis

Tularaemia (*Francisella tularensis*)

Fowl typhoid

Sheep pox and goat pox

Hendra virus

Nipah virus

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**Reportable diseases in bees**

**CONTAGIOUS OR PARASITIC DISEASES,  
INFECTIOUS AGENTS OR SYNDROMES**

African bee (*Apis mellifera scutellata*) and its hybrids

Tropilaelaps mites (*Tropilaelaps* spp.)

American foulbrood (*Paenibacillus larvae*)

Small hive beetle (*Aethina tumida*)

Fluvalinate-resistant Varroa mite

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**Reportable diseases in fish and aquatic invertebrates**

**CONTAGIOUS OR PARASITIC DISEASES,  
INFECTIOUS AGENTS OR SYNDROMES**

Infectious salmon anemia

*Bonamia exitiosa*

*Bonamia ostreae*

*Bonamia roughleyi*

Ceratomyxosis (*Ceratomyxa shasta*)

Gyrodactylosis (*Gyrodactylus salaris*)

*Haplosporidium nelsoni*

Necrotizing hepatopancreatitis

Koi herpesvirus disease

*Oncorhynchus masou* virus disease

## CONTAGIOUS OR PARASITIC DISEASES, INFECTIOUS AGENTS OR SYNDROMES

Red sea bream iridoviral disease

White sturgeon iridoviral disease

Brown ring disease (*Vibrio tapetis*)

Yellow head disease

White spot disease of crustaceans (family nimaviridae)

White tail disease

*Marteilia refringens*

*Marteilia sydneyi*

*Marteiliodes chungmuensis*

*Mikrocytos mackini*

Abalone viral mortality (Abalone Herpes-like Virus)

Infectious myonecrosis

Epizootic haematopoietic necrosis

Infectious hematopoietic necrosis

Infectious hypodermal and hematopoietic necrosis

Infectious pancreatic necrosis

*Perkinsus marinus*

*Perkinsus olseni*

Crayfish plague (*Aphanomyces astaci*)

Viral hemorrhagic septicemia

Taura syndrome

Epizootic ulcerative syndrome (*Aphanomyces invadans*)

Whirling disease (*Myxobolus cerebralis*)

Spring viraemia of carp

*Xenohaliotis californiensis*

## REPORTING TEST RESULTS

The report must include the following information:

- 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

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

## HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR REPORT

**Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation**

1 844 ANIMAUX (264-6289).

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## 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.

## QUESTIONS?

Call **1 844 ANIMAUX (264-6289)** to join the reporting centre of the Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation.

