

LONG BEACH HEALTH DEPARTMENT VETERINARY DISEASE REPORTING SYSTEM (VDRS) GUIDE AND FAQ:

NAVIGATION INFORMATION:

1. If you see an asterisk (*) next to any question then it is a required question and must be answered to move on. Example:

1.1 Client Zip code or Zip code where the animal is located? (5 digit Zip code) *

2. If you see a question with a box with a down arrow at the end, this is a drop-down menu and when you click on it will show all the available options. Example:

Which facility is reporting: *

3. If see a question that has checkboxes next to the answers then you can select more than one option. Example:

1.1 Clinical signs (select all that apply): *

- Anorexia
- Vomiting
- Fever
- Petechial and ecchymotic hemorrhages
- Polyuria and Polydipsia (PU/PD)
- None
- Other

4. If you see a question and it has circles next to the answers then you can only select one option. Example:

1.1 Has the patient received any of these vaccines in the past 12 months?

- Leptospirosis only
- Combination vaccine that includes leptospirosis
- This patient has no record of receiving a previous leptospirosis vaccine

5. If you see an answer choice that has an empty box then it is a comment box and you can write in your response. Example:

1.1 Explanation of possible exposure? (for example, street address of exposure to rodents, water sources, etc.)

6. If you see an option with a date then you can either type in the date or pick it from the calendar. Additionally you can click on the alarm clock icon and this will set it to the current date.
Example:

Report submission date: *



7. If you see a question with a box that says, “Enter Address” then and when you start to type in the address it will suggest the address that you are trying to enter, which you can select from the drop down menu.

1.1 Client street address and city

[Use My Current Location](#)

8. When you are finished with the report you click on the submit entry button located at the bottom of the form. Also, If you want to reset the report you can click on the reset button which will clear all of the options you have selected in the entire report.

Submit Entry Reset Cancel

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY FACILITY IS NOT LISTED IN THE DROP-DOWN MENU?

If your facility is not listed then please mark your facility as not listed in the facility dropdown menu and fill out the contact information section so that we can add your facility to the system.

HOW OFTEN SHOULD I BE REPORTING DISEASES?

We ask that you report at least weekly, by close of business Friday. However, it is recommended that you report as often as possible because the more often you report the better picture we will have of the overall health of the Long Beach community.

WHAT DISEASES CAN BE REPORTED?

1. Canine Leptospirosis
2. Canine Influenza (or influenza in a cat)
3. Canine Parvovirus (single dog or litter of puppies)
4. Feline Panleukopenia (single cat or litter of kittens)
5. Heartworm
6. Giardia
7. Distemper
8. Coccidioidomycosis
9. Outbreak or Antibiotic Resistance or Other Disease

WHAT INFORMATION IS REQUIRED TO REPORT A DISEASE?

The minimum required information to report a disease is the client's Zip code or the Zip code of where the animal was found, any clinical signs, and how the disease was diagnosed i.e. clinical and/or laboratory. However, we ask that you fill out as much information as possible so as to give the most accurate description of the incident.

WHAT IF I HAVE MORE THAN ONE CASE OF A DISEASE?

In this reporting system, you can report up to three cases per disease in each submission. For example if you are reporting five cases of giardia you would report three cases in one submission and then create another submission to report the other two cases.

WHAT IS A SYNDROMIC REPORT?

In this section, we would like you to report the number of patients you are seeing in your clinic that are experiencing certain symptoms. This gives an overall picture of what is affecting the community and helps to identify clusters or outbreaks early on before formal diagnoses have been made.

HOW OFTEN SHOULD I SUBMIT SYNDROMIC REPORTS?

We also ask that you complete these syndromic reports at least once a week because the more frequently these reports are submitted the more quickly clusters and outbreaks can be identified and mitigated.

WHAT SYMPTOMS ARE BEING COLLECTED IN THE SYNDROMIC REPORTS?

1. Neurological (Central and Peripheral Nervous System)
2. Respiratory (Upper and Lower Respiratory Infections)
3. Gastrointestinal (No intestinal parasites)
4. Fever (Unknown origin)
5. Hemorrhagic (Non-traumatic)
6. Dermatological (Infectious)
7. Dead on arrival

WHAT DOES THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT PLAN TO DO WITH THIS INFORMATION?

The health department will use this information to monitor trends, detect outbreaks and create reports to share with veterinarians on a quarterly basis.

HOW DO I KNOW WHEN I HAVE SUBMITTED A REPORT?

You will know that you have submitted a report when you go through the entire survey and have received the thank you message.

WHO DO I CONTACT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS ABOUT THE REPORTING PROCESS?

If you have questions you can contact Nicholas Lefranc at 562.570.4241 or send them an email at nick.lefranc@longbeach.gov.