



Philadelphia Department of Public Health
Division of Disease Control

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Health Advisory
Identification and Reporting of Diseases and
Conditions during the Papal Visit
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SUMMARY POINTS

Infectious Disease Identification and Evaluation

- Providers should remember to always take a detailed travel history on country of origin and/or travel.
- Tools available to assist identification, diagnosis, and implementation of disease control actions are posted at: <https://hip.phila.gov/DiseaseControlGuidance/DiseasesConditions/WMOFPapalVisit>

Additional Disease Reporting Number

- To report disease or conditions, call the Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH) at:
 - Normal business hours (8:30 – 5:00 Monday thru Friday): **215-685-6748**
 - Special Papal Visit Weekend Reporting (8:00am – 8:00pm on Sept. 26 & 27): **215-685-6742**
 - After-hours (All other times): **215-686-4514** – ask for Division of Disease Control on-call staff

The City of Philadelphia is hosting the World Meeting of Families (WMOF) including a planned Papal Visit from September 22-27, 2015. The WMOF will bring travelers from all over the world to Philadelphia. The healthcare community should be prepared for a variety of infectious diseases and a potential surge of patients. The Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH) recommends that healthcare facilities update clinical providers on infectious diseases of concern in Philadelphia and remind clinicians to take a detailed travel history. The following documents are available to help identify and treat infectious diseases of concern at <https://hip.phila.gov/DiseaseControlGuidance/DiseasesConditions/WMOFPapalVisit>:

- List of infectious diseases of concern, including symptoms, diagnostics, treatment, patient isolation precautions, and the use of personal protective equipment
- List of expected top countries to be in attendance at the WMOF and corresponding infectious diseases of concern by travel history
- A public health screening tool to aid clinicians in evaluating patients for potential infectious disease of interest and provide the appropriate steps for control of transmission within the healthcare setting

The Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH) will be open on Saturday, September 26 and Sunday, September 27 from 8:00am-8:00pm. During this time, PDPH staff will be available to directly take disease reporting and consultation calls from clinical providers. Please see table below for contact information:

		Timeframe	Phone Number	Fax Number
Normal Reporting Procedure	Business Hours	M-F, 8:30AM-5PM	215-685-6748	215-238-6947
	After-Hours	Evenings, weekends, and holidays	215-686-4514	N/A
Special Papal Visit Weekend (Sept. 26 & 27) Reporting	Special-Hours	Sat. Sept. 26 and Sun. Sept. 27, 8am-8pm	215-685-6742	215-238-6947, 215-545-8362
	After-Hours	Sat. Sept. 26 and Sun. Sept. 27, 8pm-8am	215-686-4514	N/A
Emergency Operation Center (for non-health emergencies)	Special-Hours	Fri. Sept. 25 at 6 am to Mon. Sept. 28 at 5 pm	215-686-1100	N/A

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INFECTIOUS DISEASES OF CONCERN BY TRAVEL HISTORY

The World Meeting of Families (WMOF) 2015 will bring visitors from all over the world to Philadelphia. The healthcare community should be prepared for a surge of patients, as well as a variety of infectious diseases that may not be commonly seen in Philadelphia. This document aids healthcare providers in evaluating patients for infectious diseases of concern based on country of origin or travel history. The list of countries is based on advance registrations to attend the World Meeting of Families. All suspect and confirmed cases of communicable diseases should be reported immediately to the Philadelphia Department of Public Health.

Top Countries in Attendance

• Argentina	Chagas disease (American Trypanosomiasis)
	Hepatitis A
	Typhoid
	Yellow Fever
• Australia	Dengue
• Colombia • Ecuador	Chagas disease (American Trypanosomiasis)
	Chikungunya
	Dengue
	Hepatitis A
	Malaria
	Typhoid
Yellow Fever	
• Democratic Republic of Congo • Kenya	African Sleeping Sickness (African Trypanosomiasis)
	African Tick-Bite Fever
	Chikungunya
	Dengue
	Hepatitis A
	Malaria
	Tuberculosis
	Typhoid
Yellow Fever	
• Dominican Republic	Dengue
	Hepatitis A
	Malaria
	Typhoid

• Haiti	Dengue
	Hepatitis A
	Malaria
	Tuberculosis
	Typhoid
• Mexico	Chagas disease (American Trypanosomiasis)
	Dengue
	Hepatitis A
	Malaria
	Typhoid
• Mozambique	African Tick-Bite Fever
	Dengue
	Hepatitis A
	Malaria
	Typhoid
• Nigeria	African Sleeping Sickness (African Trypanosomiasis)
	African Tick-Bite Fever
	Chikungunya
	Dengue
	Hepatitis A
	Malaria
	Meningococcal Disease
	Polio
	Tuberculosis
	Typhoid
Yellow Fever	

• Pakistan	Chikungunya
	Dengue
	Hepatitis A
	Japanese Encephalitis
	Malaria
	Polio
	Typhoid
• Poland	Hepatitis A
• Vietnam	Chikungunya
	Dengue
	Hepatitis A
	Japanese Encephalitis
	Malaria
	Typhoid