

## Variables Reported for all Reportable Communicable Diseases

The following data elements are to be reported for all Reportable Communicable Diseases in British Columbia. The list of Reportable Communicable Diseases can be found in the [Schedule of the Regulation](#).

These variables are incorporated into disease-specific provincial surveillance forms, where those exist.

For Reportable Communicable Diseases without case report forms<sup>1</sup>, the minimum dataset corresponds to the data elements common to all diseases, specifically:

- Last Name
- First Name
- Date of Birth
- Gender
- Health Care Number (PHN)
- Health Region
- City
- Postal Code
- Disease
- Causative Agent
- Authority
- Classification
- Report Date (received)
- Test Name
- Specimen
- Collection Date
- Result / Interpreted Result
- Onset date or closest proxy
- Set as onset flag
- Indigenous Data Standard
  - Do you wish to self-identify as an Indigenous Person?
  - Indigenous Identity Group
  - If First Nations
    - Status / Non-Status
    - First Nations On-Reserve Indicator

If no disease-specific surveillance form exists and the disease in question is also a vaccine preventable disease, additional variables are required for reporting as indicated in the Chapter 6 document titled [Variables Collected for Vaccine Preventable Diseases and Invasive Group A Streptococcal Disease](#).

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<sup>1</sup> Not including influenza; sporadic laboratory confirmed cases of influenza are not subject to these guidelines and need not be reported through the notifiable disease information system.