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**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 at: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/disease-system-statistics/list-of-reportable-diseases>.

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

For Reportable Communicable Diseases without case report forms, 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
* Aboriginal Data Standard
  + Do you wish to self-identify as an Aboriginal Person?
  + Aboriginal Identity Group
  + First Nations 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: <http://www.bccdc.ca/Communicable-Disease-Control-Manual/Documents/Variables%20reported%20for%20VPDs.docx>

