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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO: County Health Department Epidemiology Programs

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SUBJECT: Summary of 2022 Changes to Reportable Disease Case Definitions, Florida

Each January, the Bureau of Epidemiology changes Florida reportable disease surveillance case definitions for general communicable diseases to align with position statements approved by the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) at their annual meeting. **Revised case definitions will be applied to cases with event dates in 2022 (beginning January 22, 2022).**

Short descriptions of the Florida case definition revisions are included below. The fully revised document, *Surveillance Case Definitions for Select Reportable Diseases in Florida 2022, Version 1.0*, will be posted on the Surveillance Case Definitions and MMWR Weeks website (www.Floridahealth.gov/DiseaseCaseDefinitions).

Summary of case definition changes for reportable diseases and conditions:

1. **Acute flaccid myelitis:** Clarified clinical criteria.
2. **Lead poisoning:** Lowered the blood lead level for poisoning from ≥ 5 $\mu\text{g/dL}$ to ≥ 3.5 $\mu\text{g/dL}$
3. **Lyme disease:** Removed presumptive clinical criteria, expanded laboratory criteria, and simplified case classification.
4. **Legionellosis:** Removed single antibody titer from supportive laboratory criteria.
5. **Rubella, congenital:** Clarified clinical criteria.
6. **Viral hemorrhagic fever:** Modified fever threshold from 40°C to 38°C , added Chapare virus, and amended epidemiological criteria.

Thank you very much for your surveillance and reporting efforts throughout the year. Your input is essential as we continue to work together to prevent and control these diseases.