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Idaho Public Health Officials Request Reports of any Microcephaly Births

Idaho public health agencies are requesting that health care providers notify their local Public Health Districts or the Division of Public Health (DPH) about all infants born with microcephaly on or after January 1, 2016. For non-healthcare worker birth attendants, work with the birth parent to notify the pediatrician immediately.

With the recent outbreaks in the Americas, the number of Zika virus disease cases among travelers visiting or returning to the United States likely will increase. There have been reports of congenital microcephaly in infants born to mothers who were infected with Zika virus while pregnant.

Providers may legally report microcephaly to public health officials under Idaho's Reportable Disease Rules, IDAPA 16.02.10.260, "Extraordinary Occurrence of Illness."

For a diagnosis of microcephaly to be made, the occipitofrontal circumference should be disproportionately small in comparison with the length of the infant.

See standard growth charts (e.g., Fenton, Olsen, WHO or CDC growth curves <http://www.cdc.gov/growthcharts/index.htm>) by sex, age, and gestational age at birth.

When reporting cases of microcephaly, please provide the following:

- Identity and contact information of person submitting report
- Infant's name, date of birth, and sex
- Mother's name, address, and telephone number

Infants born with microcephaly or intracranial calcification to a mother who was potentially infected with Zika virus during pregnancy should receive further clinical evaluation and laboratory testing for Zika virus.

For more information, see <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/65/wr/mm6503e3er.htm>.

Report microcephaly cases to the DPH Bureau of Communicable Disease Prevention, Tel. 208-334-5939, Toll Free 800-632-5927, FAX 208-332-7307, or your local Public Health District. See <http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Health/HealthDistricts/tabid/97/Default.aspx> for a map of Idaho Public Health Districts, contact information, and links to their websites.