STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2026 No. 121

PUBLIC HEALTH

The Public Health (Notifiable Diseases – Hantavirus Diseases) Order (Northern Ireland) 2026

Made - - - -	*19th June 2026*
Coming into operation	*20th June 2026*

The Department of Health(**a**), in exercise of the powers conferred by section 1(2) of the Public Health Act (Northern Ireland) 1967(**b**), makes the following Order:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Public Health (Notifiable Diseases – Hantavirus Diseases) Order (Northern Ireland) 2026 and shall come into operation on 20th June 2026.

(2) In this Order "the Act" means the Public Health Act (Northern Ireland) 1967.

Amendment of Schedule 1 to the Act

2.—(1) Schedule 1 to the Act shall be amended by the insertion of Hantavirus diseases, including hantavirus pulmonary/cardiopulmonary syndrome (HCPS) and haemorrhagic fever with renal syndrome (HFRS).

(2) Accordingly, the notifiable diseases to which the Act applies from the commencement of this Order are those set out in the Schedule which shall be substituted for Schedule 1 to the Act.

Revocation

3. The Public Health (Notifiable Diseases) Order (Northern Ireland) 2022(**c**) is revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health on 19th June 2026.

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Chris Matthews
A senior officer of the Department of Health

(**a**) Formerly the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety; see 2016 c.5 (N.I.), s 1(5)
(**b**) 1967 c.36 (N.I.)
(**c**) S.R. 2022 No. 181

SCHEDULE

Regulation 2

Notifiable Diseases

Acute encephalitis/meningitis: bacterial

Acute encephalitis/meningitis: viral

Anthrax

Chickenpox

Cholera

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19)

Diphtheria

Dysentery

Food Poisoning

Gastro-enteritis (persons under 2 years of age only)

Hantavirus diseases, including hantavirus pulmonary/cardiopulmonary syndrome (HCPS) and haemorrhagic fever with renal syndrome (HFRS)

Hepatitis A

Hepatitis B

Hepatitis C

Hepatitis unspecified: viral

Legionnaire's Disease

Leptospirosis

Malaria

Measles

Meningococcal septicaemia

Monkeypox

Mumps

Paratyphoid fever

Plague

Poliomyelitis: acute

Rabies

Relapsing fever

Rubella

Scarlet fever

Smallpox

Tetanus

Tuberculosis: pulmonary and non-pulmonary

Typhoid fever

Typhus

Viral haemorrhagic fevers

Whooping cough

Yellow fever

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order extends the list of notifiable diseases specified by the Public Health Act (Northern Ireland) 1967 to include Hantavirus diseases, including hantavirus pulmonary/cardiopulmonary syndrome (HCPS) and haemorrhagic fever with renal syndrome (HFRS).

That Act requires a medical practitioner, as soon as he becomes aware, or has reasonable grounds for suspecting, that a person he is attending is suffering from a notifiable disease, to notify the Director of Public Health.

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