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**Memorandum**

To: Healthcare Providers in Iowa

From: Mariannette Miller-Meeks, BSN, MEd, MD Director of the Iowa Department of Public Health and  
Patricia Quinlisk, MD, MPH Medical Director/State Epidemiologist

Re: Mandatory Reporting of Exposure to Microcystin

Date Issued: May 15, 2012

Pursuant to 641 Iowa Administrative Code 1.3 (139A), I, as the director of the Iowa Department of Public Health, temporarily designate suspected or confirmed exposures to microcystin (blue-green algal poisoning) as a reportable disease in Iowa. This designation will remain in place until October 31, 2012.

All Iowa health care providers and public, private, and hospital laboratories are required to report by the next business day any suspected or confirmed cases of exposure to microcystin to the department's notification hotline at 1-800-972-2026. (641 IAC 1.4(1)"b").



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\_\_\_\_\_ May 15, 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

DIRECTOR

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IOWA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
Lucas State Office Building  
Des Moines, IA 50319

**Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 641-1.3 (139A)**  
**Reportable diseases.**

Reportable diseases are those diseases or conditions listed in sub rules 1.3(1) and 1.3(2). The director of public health may also designate any disease, condition or syndrome temporarily reportable for the purpose of a special investigation. Each case of a reportable disease is required to be reported to the Iowa Department of Public Health, Lucas State Office Building, 321 E. 12th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0075, by the physician or other health practitioner attending any person having a reportable disease and by laboratories performing tests identifying reportable diseases.