

SECOND REGULAR SESSION
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1855
103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

4267H.04C

JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 192.020, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to disease surveillance.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 192.020, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 192.020, to read as follows:

192.020. 1. It shall be the general duty and responsibility of the department of health and senior services to safeguard the health of the people in the state and all its subdivisions. It shall make a study of the causes and prevention of diseases. It shall designate those diseases which are infectious, contagious, communicable or dangerous in their nature and shall make and enforce adequate orders, findings, rules and regulations to prevent the spread of such diseases and to determine the prevalence of such diseases within the state. It shall have power and authority, with approval of the director of the department, to make such orders, findings, rules and regulations as will prevent the entrance of infectious, contagious and communicable diseases into the state.

2. The department of health and senior services shall include in its list of ~~communicable or infectious~~ diseases which must be reported to the department methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), carbapenem-resistant enterobacteriaceae (CRE) as specified by the department, ~~and~~ vancomycin-resistant enterococcus (VRE), **and alpha-gal syndrome.**

3. (1) **Any alpha-gal syndrome case report shall be submitted to the department within seven days of receiving a positive laboratory confirmation. The laboratory that finalizes the positive test result shall be responsible for submitting the report.**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets ~~thus~~ in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 **(2) A report of alpha-gal syndrome shall be required for an alpha-gal**
19 **immunoglobulin E level of greater than or equal to one-tenth of one international unit**
20 **per milliliter or greater than or equal to one-tenth of one kilounit per liter. A laboratory**
21 **that finalizes such a test result shall report the test result as a case of alpha-gal**
22 **syndrome using an electronic laboratory reporting system to be developed by the**
23 **department.**

24 **(3) Subject to appropriations, the department of health and senior services may**
25 **follow up on reported cases of alpha-gal syndrome by applying an appropriate random**
26 **sampling method for confirmation that the cases meet the most current Centers for**
27 **Disease Control and Prevention surveillance case definition of alpha-gal syndrome.**
28 **Reporting under this subdivision shall commence no later than six months after the**
29 **effective date of this section.**

30 **(4) The department of health and senior services shall submit an annual report**
31 **to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention summarizing its findings related to**
32 **the reporting and incidence of alpha-gal syndrome.**

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