

Desktop Dispatch

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Communicable Diseases Website

There is now one central entry point for accessing all communicable diseases content on the Queensland Health website.

<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/communicablediseases/>

Key communicable disease topics online include: immunisation, sexual health, HIV/AIDS, hepatitis, mosquito borne diseases, surveillance data, infection control in health facilities, flu prevention, food borne diseases, tuberculosis, pandemic influenza and an A – Z of communicable diseases.

Users can choose to search individual topics, search for topics within consumer or health professional content, or access content via topic areas.

If you haven't visited Queensland Health's website in a while, you'll notice the following improvements in areas related to communicable diseases:

HIV/AIDS, viral hepatitis and sexual health

- Easier navigation of adult site, with all content updated and categorised for consumers, health professionals and educators.
<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/sexhealth/>
- A new look and feel for the "I Stay Safe" site, which provides information on sexual health and blood borne diseases for teenagers.
<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/istaysafe/>

Mosquito borne diseases

- This site provides a one-stop-shop for information on mosquito borne diseases in Queensland, tips for consumers about how to protect their home from mosquitoes, resources for local government, clinical information for health professionals and information for industry.

Flu prevention

- This site provides information about influenza, influenza vaccination, information for health professionals and education resources.

Food borne diseases

- New content providing information for consumers about how to reduce risk of food borne disease, and resources for health professionals on how to manage food borne disease outbreaks. Detailed surveillance data and research on food borne illness is a key feature of the site.

Immunisation

- A website offering a central entry point for information on immunisation for Queensland consumers and health professionals, together with a section on Queensland Health's statewide School Based Vaccination Program. Fact sheets on vaccine preventable conditions and immunisation, as well as consent forms, are also available on the site.

Pandemic influenza

- New content providing information for the general public about pandemic influenza and how individuals can protect themselves from it, information for health professionals and resources for business to assist them maintain business continuity in the event of a pandemic.

Tuberculosis

- A comprehensive website providing information for patients on how tuberculosis (TB) is diagnosed and treated, along with detailed clinical information offering a step-by-step guide for health professionals involved in managing the disease. The site also has a section on non-tuberculous mycobacteria and leprosy, and offers a range of resources in languages other than English.

A to Z of Communicable Diseases

In a move towards greater transparency, all health professionals in Queensland can access a comprehensive listing of key clinical information and resources for conditions notifiable under Queensland's Public Health Act.

For each notifiable condition, health professionals will be able to access a variety of resources including fact sheets, clinical resources, control guidelines, notification forms and links to further information.

Do you have an idea, a problem or a solution?
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