## Georgia

### Birth Defects Surveillance System

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<td>STATUTE: Title 31 Chapter 1 Title 31 Chapter 12 RULE: G.A.C. 290-5-3-.01 and .02 and 290-5-24</td>
<td><strong>31-1-3.1 Reporting disabled newborn persons; referral to treatment and rehabilitative services:</strong> (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly to ensure the registration by the department of disabled newborn persons in order that all such persons might obtain referral and other services provided by existing state agencies, departments, other organizations, and individuals. (b) As used in this Code section, the term &quot;disabled newborn person&quot; means a person less than 12 months old who is deaf, blind, or has a serious congenital defect as defined by the department. (c) Except as otherwise provided, every public and private health and social agency and every physician authorized to practice medicine in this state shall report to the department the name of any person such agency or physician has identified as being a disabled newborn person... (e) The Division of Public Health of the department shall: (1) Maintain records of reports, notifications, and referrals made under this article...</td>
<td><strong>31-1-3.1:</strong> (h) A person or entity which in good faith makes a report required by subsection (c) of this Code section shall be immune from civil and criminal liability therefor. <strong>31-12-2:</strong> (a) A health care provider, coroner, or medical examiner shall report to the department and the county board of health all known or...</td>
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### Reporting disease…

The department is empowered to declare certain diseases, injuries, and conditions to be diseases requiring notice and to require the reporting thereof to the county board of health and the department in a manner and at such times as may be prescribed. The department shall require that such data be supplied as are deemed necessary and appropriate for the prevention of certain diseases, injuries, and conditions as are determined by the department.  


### 290-5-3-.01 Definitions. Amended.

… (a) “notifiable Disease” means any illness, condition, or disability declared to be notifiable by the Department of Human Resources in a published “official” list. …

### 290-5-3.02 Provisions. Amended.

…(3) The Department shall determine which diseases and conditions are notifiable and shall provide an official list of said diseases and conditions to the county Boards of Health. Each county health department shall be responsible for supplying reporting forms, which contain the official list, to the designated reporters…

(4) The Department may employ sampling techniques to contain by special request information regarding the occurrence of certain noninfectious diseases of public health presumptively diagnosed cases of persons harboring any illness or health condition that may be caused by bioterrorism, epidemic or pandemic disease, or novel and highly fatal infectious agents or toxins and that may pose a substantial risk of a public health emergency. Reportable illnesses and conditions include, without limitation, diseases caused by biological agents listed at 42 C.F.R. Part 72, app. A (2000) and any illnesses or
significance, e.g. alcohol/drug abuse, birth defects, cancer, heart attack, stroke, injuries, poisonings and occupational diseases. …

290-5-24-.02 Provisions. …(5) Approved laboratories performing mandated newborn screening tests for the purpose of satisfying the legal requirements for testing newborns shall report all such test results to the attending physician and the hospital where the birth occurred; the results shall be made a part of the clinical record. Such laboratories shall report all results to the Genetic Newborn Screening Program of the Department on the day the testing is completed and this report shall include the patient’s required information. …

conditions identified by the department as potential causes of a public health emergency…

(d) Any person, including but not limited to practitioners of the healing arts, submitting in good faith reports or data to the department or county boards of health in compliance with the provisions of this Code section shall not be liable for any civil damages therefor.