

(1) Be made within 48 hours, or sooner, of confirmation of the patient's diagnosis;

(2) Include subsequent written confirmation of possible exposure to the contagious disease OR VIRUS;

(3) Be conducted in a manner that will protect the confidentiality of the patient; and

(4) To the extent possible, be conducted in a manner that will protect the confidentiality of the fire fighter, emergency medical technician, or rescue squadman, OR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.

~~(d)~~ (E) The written confirmation required under paragraph ~~(D)~~(2) of this section shall constitute compliance with this section.

~~(e)~~ (F) Each medical care facility shall develop written procedures for the implementation of this section, and, upon request, make copies available to the local fire authority or, THE local fire authority's designee, THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY, OR THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY'S DESIGNEE having jurisdiction.

(G) A MEDICAL CARE FACILITY OR PHYSICIAN ACTING IN GOOD FAITH TO PROVIDE NOTIFICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE LIABLE IN ANY CAUSE OF ACTION RELATED TO THE BREACH OF PATIENT CONFIDENTIALITY.

(H) A MEDICAL CARE FACILITY OR PHYSICIAN ACTING IN GOOD FAITH TO PROVIDE NOTIFICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE LIABLE IN ANY CAUSE OF ACTION FOR:

(1) THE FAILURE TO GIVE THE REQUIRED NOTICE, IF THE FIRE FIGHTER, EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN, RESCUE SQUADMAN, OR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FAILS TO PROPERLY INITIATE THE NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES DEVELOPED BY THE HEALTH CARE FACILITY UNDER SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION; OR

(2) THE FAILURE OF THE EMPLOYER OR EMPLOYER'S DESIGNEE TO SUBSEQUENTLY NOTIFY THE FIRE FIGHTER, EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN, RESCUE SQUADMAN, OR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE POSSIBLE EXPOSURE TO A CONTAGIOUS DISEASE OR VIRUS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.