

BY repealing

~~Article — Health — General
Section 18-207 and 18-334(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1990 Replacement Volume and 1991 Supplement)~~

BY adding to

~~Article — Health — General
Section 18-205.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1990 Replacement Volume and 1991 Supplement)~~

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health - General

18-201.

(a) A physician with reason to suspect that a patient under the physician's care has an infectious or contagious disease that endangers public health shall submit immediately a report to the health officer for the county where the physician cares for that patient.

(b) The report shall:

- (1) Be on the form that the Secretary provides;
- (2) Identify the disease or suspected disease;

(3) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN ITEM (II) OF THIS ITEM, [State] STATE the name, age, race, sex, and residence address of the patient; and

(II) FOR REPORTS OF ASYMPTOMATIC HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS INFECTION, STATE THE AGE, SEX, RACE, AND ZIP CODE OF RESIDENCE OF THE PATIENT AND THE UNIQUE PATIENT IDENTIFYING NUMBER THAT DOES NOT DISCLOSE THE IDENTITY OF THE PATIENT; AND

(4) Be signed by the physician.

(c) (1) All physician reports required under this section are:

- (i) Confidential;
- (ii) Not open to public inspection; and

(iii) Subject to subpoena or discovery in any criminal or civil proceeding only pursuant to a court order sealing the court record.