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Frequently Asked Questions: National List of Reportable Animal Diseases

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Find answers to common questions about the National List of Reportable Animal Diseases (NLRAD) and related topics.

If you have questions not addressed below, contact our team at [nlrad.nahrs@usda.gov](mailto:nlrاد.nahrs@usda.gov).

Reporting Guidelines

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How can I access a downloadable list of NLRAD reportable diseases and case definitions?

This list is available as a [PDF](#) and online at [National List of Reportable Animal Diseases](#). Most NLRAD case definitions are currently under review; once cleared for posting, case definitions will be available at [National List of Reportable Animal Diseases](#). The World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) [terrestrial](#) and [aquatic](#) diagnostic manuals also provide detailed information on listed diseases.

What are the guidelines for reporting diseases under NLRAD?

NLRAD disease-specific case definitions provide a general disease overview, laboratory criteria, case classification details, and reporting criteria. Case definitions are published at [National List of Reportable Animal Diseases](#) as available. Cases should be reported to NLRAD in accordance with the [NLRAD System Standards](#) (784.54 KB).

Where can I find case definitions for NLRAD diseases?

Case definitions are currently being reviewed and updated. Available case definitions are published at [National List of Reportable Animal Diseases](#). More will be published as they are reviewed and finalized. You can also reference the WOA [terrestrial](#) and [aquatic](#) diagnostic manuals for detailed information on listed diseases.

If you have specific questions about a listed disease, contact our team at [nlrad.nahrs@usda.gov](mailto:nlrاد.nahrs@usda.gov).

What are the reporting timeframes for NLRAD Notifiable and Monitored diseases?

Per the [NLRAD System Standards](#) (784.54 KB), report:

- **Notifiable** diseases or conditions within **24 hours**.
- **Monitored** diseases or conditions within **30 days**.

Who is an “animal health professional?”

An animal health professional is an individual, corporate entity, or animal health organization with formal training in the diagnosis or recognition of animal diseases or pests of livestock. Examples of animal health professionals include, but are not limited to, veterinary medical professionals, diagnostic laboratorians, biomedical researchers, public health officials, animal health officials, trained technicians, zoo personnel, and wildlife personnel with such training.

What are the NLRAD reporting requirements for State animal health officials?

State animal health officials should report cases of NLRAD-listed diseases in accordance with the [NLRAD System Standards](#) (784.54 KB). Available case definitions are published at [National List of Reportable Animal Diseases](#).

What are the NLRAD reporting requirements for laboratories?

All animal health professionals, including laboratory personnel, should coordinate with their [State animal health official](#) and [area veterinarian in charge](#) to ensure confirmed cases of NLRAD-listed diseases are reported in accordance with the [NLRAD System Standards](#) (784.54 KB). Available case definitions are published at [National List of Reportable Animal Diseases](#).

Please report:

- Notifiable diseases or conditions within 24 hours.
- Monitored diseases or conditions within 30 days.

Important

Reporting under NLRAD does not supersede State requirements or notification processes for FAD-Emerging Disease Incidents or other Regulated/High-Priority Endemic Disease reporting requirements.

What are the NLRAD reporting requirements for other animal health professionals?

All animal health professionals, including accredited veterinarians, should coordinate with their [State animal health official](#) and [area veterinarian in charge](#) to ensure confirmed cases of NLRAD-listed diseases are reported in accordance with the [NLRAD System Standards](#) (784.54 KB). Available case definitions are published at [National List of Reportable Animal Diseases](#).

Please report Notifiable diseases or conditions within 24 hours.

Important

Reporting under NLRAD does not supersede State requirements or notification processes for FAD-Emerging Disease Incidents or other Regulated/High-Priority Endemic Disease reporting requirements.

For non-negative laboratory results, where can I find disease-specific reporting requirements under NLRAD?

Refer to NLRAD disease-specific case definitions, which include laboratory criteria, case classification details, and reporting criteria. Available case definitions are published at [National List of Reportable Animal Diseases](#). If no NLRAD case definition is available, see laboratory and reporting criteria in [disease-specific WOAHA guidance](#). Cases should be reported to NLRAD in accordance with the [NLRAD System Standards](#) (784.54 KB).

Should Monitored diseases that are not confirmed be reported?

If you have a presumptive or suspect case of a Monitored disease that does not meet the confirmed case definition, you may consider other information, such as alternative laboratory testing or additional epidemiological information, to decide whether to report the presence of the disease. We recognize that for many Monitored diseases, especially endemic diseases, animal health professionals may not have diagnostic testing results to a confirmed case level.

Are NLRAD disease detections in wildlife reportable?

The NLRAD focuses primarily on domestic livestock, poultry, and aquaculture species. We also recognize that wildlife, companion animals, and zoo animals can play an important epidemiologic role in diseases affecting our Nation's agriculture industry. Given that, reporting may be required when listed diseases are found in these other animals.

What is the difference between the NAHRS list and the NLRAD list?

There is no difference between the diseases listed on the NLRAD list and the diseases listed in the [National Animal Health Reporting System \(NAHRS\)](#). The NAHRS web page is updated each year to ensure it provides State animal health officials the opportunity to report on all current NLRAD-listed diseases.

Emerging Disease

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What diseases or conditions are considered "emerging" under NLRAD?

The [NLRAD System Standards](#) (784.54 KB) define an emerging disease as a disease, infection, or infestation in domestic or wild animals that is a threat to terrestrial animals, aquatic animals, or humans and meets **one** of the following criteria:

- An unknown agent that is causing disease in a herd, flock, or premises and has the potential to result in a significant animal or public health impact, and applied diagnostic tests have yielded negative or non-definitive results
- A newly identified agent that is causing disease in a herd, flock, or premises and has the potential to cause significant animal or public health impact or is occurring in multiple herds, flocks, or premises
- A previously identified or known pathogenic agent that has a change in epidemiology, such as—
 - Unexpected production impacts or morbidity/mortality over a previously defined range for the agent
 - Expanded host range
- Change in geography of an agent with the potential to cause a significant animal or public health impact

How should emerging diseases or conditions be reported?

If you suspect an emerging animal disease, follow the notification process in the policy for the [Investigation of Potential Foreign Animal Disease/Emerging Disease Incidents](#) (274.92 KB).

When an emerging disease is confirmed, APHIS will decide specific details of how and what to report to WOAHA on a case-by-case basis. Report to NLRAD within 24 hours of confirmation.

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How do I access NAHRS to complete NAHRS monthly reports for NLRAD?

Visit [NAHRS Participant Information](#) for details about submitting reports online.

If you need more information or help accessing NLRAD-NAHRS for reporting, email us at nlrad.nahrs@usda.gov.

I can log into DIS but do not have access to NAHRS for my State. How can I gain access to NAHRS for my State?

If you can log into Data Integration Services (DIS), but do not have access to NLRAD-NAHRS, email us at [nlrad.nahrs@usda.gov](mailto:nlrاد.nahrs@usda.gov) with your request and the following information:

- Name
- Email
- Level of access needed (choose **one**):
 1. Read-only NLRAD reports for State
 2. Read and edit NLRAD reports for State
 3. Read-edit-finalize NLRAD reports for State

If you do **not** have an eAuth Level 2 account, [follow these instructions](#) (1.63 MB). Once complete, email us at [nlrad.nahrs@usda.gov](mailto:nlrاد.nahrs@usda.gov) with your request and the information above.

I can't log into NAHRS (DIS). What should I do?

Follow these troubleshooting steps first:

1. Clear your browser cache/history.
2. Make sure you're using Chrome or Edge.
3. Make sure you're using this URL: <https://dis.aphis.usda.gov/workspace/home/>

If you are still having issues logging in, email us at [nlrad.nahrs@usda.gov](mailto:nlrاد.nahrs@usda.gov).

I am having issues with the two-factor authentication process to access NAHRS (DIS). Who should I contact for help?

For help, email us at [nlrad.nahrd@usda.gov](mailto:nlrاد.nahrd@usda.gov). NLRAD staff will be able to reset your two-factor authentication method and provide instructions for how to set up the two-factor authentication with SMS.

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