

Acute Flaccid Myelitis (AFM)

Investigation Checklist for Local Health Departments

Local health department staff should review these steps in the event they receive a report of a suspected AFM case. For more information, refer to the AFM webpage which can be accessed at: <https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/afm.shtml>

- ☐ Please note, at this time, no public health response is required of New Jersey local health departments for reported AFM cases.
- ☐ If a suspect AFM case is reported to a local health department, please refer this report to the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) during regular business hours at (609) 826-5964.
 - ☐ Please obtain/include the following information (if available) when referring the report:
 - ☐ Suspect case name, date of birth, address, and medical record number
 - ☐ Medical facility name and unit where suspect case is admitted
 - ☐ Name, affiliation, and contact information of provider or medical facility contact making the report (including phone number and email address)
 - ☐ Any clinical or additional information available
 - ☐ Consider referring the provider or medical facility to specimen collection information and the AFM patient summary form which will also be requested by NJDOH:
 - ☐ Specimen collection: https://www.cdc.gov/acute-flaccid-myelitis/hcp/diagnosis-testing/specimen-collection-for-afm.html#cdc_generic_section_2-specimens-to-collect-from-patients-under-investigation-puis-for-afm
 - ☐ Patient summary form: <https://www.cdc.gov/acute-flaccid-myelitis/downloads/patient-summary-form.pdf>
- ☐ Local health departments interested in being made aware of AFM cases reported within their jurisdiction should activate disease email notifications in their CDRSS profile, specifically for 'Acute flaccid myelitis (AFM)'.
- ☐ Please note AFM surveillance activities are still evolving, and therefore as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continues to evaluate new data obtained from case reporting, the requests from CDC may change. NJDOH will continue to keep local health departments aware of these updates and advise where any assistance in obtaining follow up information from residents is requested.