

# Cholera

[Fact sheet](http://conditions.health.qld.gov.au/HealthCondition/condition/14/33/28/Cholera) [http://conditions.health.qld.gov.au/HealthCondition/condition/14/33/28/Cholera] - Health conditions directory

Cholera is an acute diarrhoeal disease caused by eating or drinking food or water contaminated with *Vibrio cholerae* bacteria. Cases in Australia are typically seen only in travellers arriving from countries where the disease is still common, such as Africa, Central Europe, Latin America and Asia.

## Public health management guidelines

- Read [Queensland Health guidelines for public health units](https://www.health.qld.gov.au/cdcg/index/cholera.asp) [https://www.health.qld.gov.au/cdcg/index/cholera.asp]

## Notification

### Pathology laboratories

- [Notification criteria for pathology laboratories](https://www.health.qld.gov.au/cdcg/documents/notif-criteria-guide.pdf) [https://www.health.qld.gov.au/cdcg/documents/notif-criteria-guide.pdf] (PDF, 55kB)
- [Notification procedure](https://www.health.qld.gov.au/cdcg/index/cholera.asp#np) [https://www.health.qld.gov.au/cdcg/index/cholera.asp#np]

### Attending medical practitioners/medical superintendents (or delegates)

- [Notification criteria](https://www.health.qld.gov.au/cdcg/index/cholera.asp#nc) [https://www.health.qld.gov.au/cdcg/index/cholera.asp#nc]
- [Notification procedure](https://www.health.qld.gov.au/cdcg/index/cholera.asp#np) [https://www.health.qld.gov.au/cdcg/index/cholera.asp#np]

### Public health units

- [Notification procedure](https://www.health.qld.gov.au/cdcg/index/cholera.asp#np) [https://www.health.qld.gov.au/cdcg/index/cholera.asp#np]

### Notification resources

- List of all [Pathological, clinical and provisional diagnosis notifiable conditions](https://www.health.qld.gov.au/clinical-practice/guidelines-procedures/diseases-infection/notifiable-conditions/list/default.asp) [https://www.health.qld.gov.au/clinical-practice/guidelines-procedures/diseases-infection/notifiable-conditions/list/default.asp]
- List of [Public Health Unit](https://www.health.qld.gov.au/system-governance/contact-us/contact/public-health-units/default.asp) [https://www.health.qld.gov.au/system-governance/contact-us/contact/public-health-units/default.asp] contacts
- [Notifiable conditions report form for Queensland clinicians](https://www.health.qld.gov.au/publications/clinical-practice/guidelines-procedures/diseases-infection/notif-conditions-rpt.pdf) [https://www.health.qld.gov.au/publications/clinical-practice/guidelines-procedures/diseases-infection/notif-conditions-rpt.pdf] (PHA S70 [http://www.health.qld.gov.au/ph/documents/cdb/notif\_conditions\_rpt.pdf]) (PDF, 48kB) - if faxing notification, follow up by phone.

## Enhanced surveillance for public health units

[Case report form](https://www.health.qld.gov.au/cdcg/documents/cr-generic.pdf) [https://www.health.qld.gov.au/cdcg/documents/cr-generic.pdf] (PDF, 504kB) - used by public health units to collect and manage more detailed information for enhanced case surveillance.

## Resources for health professionals

- [Australian immunisation handbook](http://www.immunise.health.gov.au/internet/immunise/publishing.nsf/Content/Handbook10-home-handbook10part4) [http://www.immunise.health.gov.au/internet/immunise/publishing.nsf/Content/Handbook10-home-handbook10part4] - provides clinical guidelines for health professionals on the safest and most effective use of vaccines in their practice.

## Epidemiological data and reports

- View [communicable diseases data for notifiable conditions in Queensland](https://www.health.qld.gov.au/clinical-practice/guidelines-procedures/diseases-infection/surveillance/reports/notifiable/default.asp) [https://www.health.qld.gov.au/clinical-practice/guidelines-procedures/diseases-infection/surveillance/reports/notifiable/default.asp].  
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