

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]
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Public health units

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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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