

# NOTIFIABLE DISEASES IN NOVA SCOTIA 2019 SURVEILLANCE REPORT

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### INTRODUCTION

Surveillance is defined as the "systematic ongoing collection, collation, and analysis of data and the timely dissemination of information to those who need to know so that action can be taken" (1).

In Nova Scotia, surveillance of notifiable diseases is governed by the provincial *Health Protection Act*, which mandates the reporting of diseases by many partners within the public health system and the health system as a whole (2). The list of notifiable diseases in Nova Scotia can be found in Appendix A.

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of notifiable diseases reported in Nova Scotia in 2019. Due to the resource requirements of the ongoing COVID-19 response, the report will only provide highlights of notifiable disease data for 2019, some comparisons to national data and a limited number of summary tables in Appendix B.

### METHODS

In Nova Scotia, reporting of notifiable disease cases is mandated by the *Health Protection Act* (2). As part of public health case management, public health staff document information about notifiable disease cases that can include demographic, clinical, exposure, treatment, and laboratory information.

Cases are classified based on standardized case definitions and are reported to DHW, for provincial surveillance purposes, through the electronic public health surveillance system, Panorama. Since the implementation of Panorama in December 2018, Nova Scotia has almost entirely shifted away from paper case report forms, and now relies on electronic capture of most public health information. Because Panorama was implemented towards the end of the year, the 2018 year of public health data was captured from a variety of different sources and migrated into Panorama. After the implementation of Panorama, some data quality issues have been identified with migrated historical data and the public health system adapting to a new notifiable disease system. Historical data was extracted from ANDS and ANDI, and 2018 and 2019 data was extracted from Panorama.

Further information on the case definitions, reporting procedures, and forms can be found in the Nova Scotia Surveillance Guidelines for Notifiable Diseases and Conditions (3). Information on public health case management and control measures in Nova Scotia can be found in the Nova Scotia Communicable Disease Control Manual (4).

Cases of notifiable diseases are generally reported and counted based on their place of residence at the time of their diagnosis, with some exceptions. For more information on the guidelines for reporting and counting cases, please see the Nova Scotia Surveillance Guidelines for Notifiable Diseases and Conditions (3). For chronic conditions (e.g. hepatitis C, HIV), only residents with a first-time diagnosis in Nova Scotia are included in this report. If information on previous diagnoses for a case is not available (e.g. when a case is lost to follow up), these cases are counted as Nova Scotia cases.

Dates presented in this report are based on the episode date assigned to the case. The episode date is the earliest known date, reflecting symptom onset or the closest available date (specimen collection date, clinical diagnosis date, or test result date).

Only cases meeting a confirmed case definition are included in this report, with the exception of Lyme disease, where probable cases are also included.

Data for meningitis-viral, amebiasis, hepatitis E, yersiniosis, lymphogranuloma venereum, Q fever and toxoplasmosis are reported in Appendix B, Table 1 because these diseases were reportable until 2015.

Positive cases reported to public health who tested anonymously (e.g. from anonymous HIV testing programs, special research studies) are not included in this report. Anonymous positive test results are not routinely reported to public health. For HIV, cases must be tested nominally before receiving treatment for their infection, so it is assumed that most HIV cases who first test anonymously are reported nominally to public health and in turn are included in the provincial surveillance data.

Rates were calculated using Statistics Canada population counts based on the 2016 Census (accessed July 2020). All Canadian notifiable disease data were obtained from the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) and are cited where used. All comparisons in this report between Nova Scotia and Canada are based on the 2018 Notifiable Disease Online data produced by PHAC (5).

This report does not contain any influenza surveillance data as there is a separate annual report on this topic, which can be found on the DHW website (<u>http://novascotia.ca/dhw/populationhealth/</u>).

All case data are current as of September 11, 2020.

### LIMITATIONS

The numbers cited in this report reflect only those cases that are reported to Public Health within Nova Scotia Health (NSH) and may under-represent the true number of cases in the population. This is particularly relevant for diseases that may remain asymptomatic (i.e. chlamydia) and those that have a wide clinical spectrum (i.e. Lyme disease). For certain diseases, cases experience severe illness and are more likely to present for medical care and be diagnosed and reported to public health (e.g. invasive meningococcal disease). As a result, these diseases are likely well-captured in the surveillance information presented in this report. Additional limitations in surveillance data may also be present for specific diseases (e.g. misclassification of hepatitis B cases as acute or chronic).

Changes in case finding procedures (e.g. changes to laboratory testing methods) may result in an increase or decrease in the number of reported cases that may not be reflective of true changes in disease occurrence within the province. Any changes are noted within the report.

Numbers and rates presented in this report are based on case information in Panorama with episode dates between January 1-December 31, 2019. The data is current as of September 11, 2020. As Panorama is a real-time surveillance system, numbers and rates reported here are expected to change slightly as new information is added to Panorama. National notifiable disease data from PHAC that are used in this report are also subject to change.

### 2019 HIGHLIGHTS

On December 3, 2018, Nova Scotia launched Panorama, a communicable disease case management and surveillance system for public health professionals. Panorama provides integrated tools to assist in monitoring, managing and reporting on public health. 2019 was the first full year that all communicable disease data was input in Panorama.

A total of 7773 cases of notifiable diseases (including influenza, n=773) were reported in Nova Scotia in 2019. A summary of the diseases included in each disease category can be found in the Nova Scotia Surveillance Guidelines for Notifiable Diseases and Conditions (http://novascotia.ca/dhw/populationhealth/surveillanceguidelines/).

Influenza cases are not described any further in this report. Information on influenza can be obtained from the Annual Influenza Surveillance Report, which can be found on the Department of Health and Wellness website: (<u>http://novascotia.ca/dhw/populationhealth/</u>).

Chlamydia, a sexually transmitted infection (STI), was the most frequently reported disease (45.4%), followed by Clostridium difficile (13.0%) and MRSA (8.6%).

#### **Syphilis**

In 2019 there were 57 cases of infectious syphilis and 26 cases of non-infectious syphilis (or stage pending) reported in Nova Scotia. The reported rate of infectious syphilis cases in Nova Scotia was 5.9/100,000 population for 2019. This is an increase from the rate in 2018 (3.4/100,000 population).

The majority of cases were male (n=51, 10.7/100,000 population), in the 25-39 year age group (n=24, 13.3/100,000 population) and occurred in Central Zone (n=35, 7.6/100,000 population). Three out of four health zones in the province experienced an increase of syphilis cases in 2019. As a result, an outbreak of syphilis was declared province-wide on January 20, 2020.

The 2019 Nova Scotia rate of infectious syphilis (5.9/100,000 population) was lower compared to the most recently available Canadian infectious syphilis rate from 2018 (17.0/100,000 population) (6). The Canadian syphilis rate has increased 151% between 2014 and 2018, with several provinces and territories experiencing outbreaks in 2019 (7). The number of congenital syphilis cases has also been increasing Canada-wide; the highest ever reported number in Canada was in 2018 and a further 3-fold increase is projected for 2019 (7).

#### HIV & AIDS

There were 19 newly diagnosed cases of HIV in Nova Scotia in 2019 (rate: 2.0/100,000 population) which is a decrease from 2018 (rate: 3.2/100,000 population). The decrease in cases can be attributed to the end of an outbreak that began in 2018.

The Canadian rate of reported HIV cases in 2018 was 6.9/100,000 population (5). For 2018, the reported rate of HIV in Nova Scotia was below the national rate.

In 2019, 78.9% of HIV cases were male and 73.7% were between the ages of 25 and 59 years. The frequency of reporting the following exposures were: men who have sex with men (MSM, 57.1%),

heterosexual contact-sexual contact with a person at risk (21.4%), heterosexual contact-no identified risk (14.3%) and persons who use injection drugs (PWID, 7.1%).

#### Lyme Disease

There were 830 cases of confirmed and probable Lyme disease reported in 2019, which is an increase from 2018 (n=454). This increase in Lyme Disease cases is likely due to multiple factors including a true increase in the number of cases as well as changes to administrative processes within local public health to allow for more timely data entry of cases into Panorama.

In 2019, Western zone had the highest rate among the zones (n=638; 320.4/100,000 population). The majority of cases in Nova Scotia were reported in the 40-59 (n=238, 89.8/100,000 population) and 60+ (n=356; 128.7/100,000 population) age groups and 59.0% were male.

The Canadian rate of Lyme Disease in 2018 (3.2/100,000 population) was lower compared to the 2018 Nova Scotia rate (47.3/100,000 population) (5).

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### **APPENDIX A – Notifiable Diseases in Nova Scotia**

Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) Anthrax Botulism (Foodborne, Wound, Infant, & Colonization Botulism) **Brucellosis** Campylobacteriosis Chlamydia (genital, extra-genital, and perinatally acquired) Cholera Clostridium difficile Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease - Classic (sporadic, iatrogenic, Genetic Prion Disease) and Variant Cryptosporidiosis Cyclosporiasis Diphtheria Ebola Virus Disease Giardiasis Gonorrhea (genital, extra-genital, and perinatally acquired) Group A Streptococcal Disease, Invasive Group B Streptococcal Disease of Newborn Haemophilus Influenzae type b (Hib) Invasive Disease Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS) Hepatitis A Hepatitis B (Acute Case and Chronic Carrier) Hepatitis C Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Influenza (laboratory confirmed) Invasive Listeriosis Legionellosis Leprosy (Hansen's Disease) Lyme Disease Malaria (Plasmodium falciparum, Plasmodium malariae, Plasmodium ovale, Plasmodium vivax)

Measles Meningitis (bacterial) Meningococcal Disease Invasive (IMD) Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) Mumps Pertussis Plague Pneumococcal Disease, Invasive Poliomyelitis Rabies Rubella (Non-Congenital, Congenital Rubella Syndrome) Salmonellosis (includes Paratyphoid) Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI) Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) Shellfish Poisoning (Paralytic & Amnesic) Shigellosis Smallpox Syphilis (primary, secondary, early latent, late latent, infectious neurosyphilis, non-infectious neurosyphilis, tertiary other than neurosyphilis, and early congenital) Tetanus Tuberculosis Tularemia Typhoid Vancomycin Resistant Enterococcus (VRE) Verotoxigenic Escherichia coli Viral Hemorrhagic Fevers (Lassa, Marburg, Crimean-Congo, Other) West Nile Virus (WNV) (West Nile Asymptomatic Infection, West Nile Neurological Syndrome, West Nile Non-Neurological Syndrome) Yellow Fever

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#### TABLE 1: Notifiable diseases reported in Nova Scotia from 2010-2019: Number of reports and crude rates per 100,000 population

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Condition	n	Rate	n	Rate	n	Rate	n	Rate	n	Rate	n	Rate	n	Rate	n	Rate	n	Rate	n	Rate	n	Average Rate
Bloodborne Pathogens																						Thate
Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)	5	0.5	4	0.4	2	0.2	0	0.0	4	0.4	3	0.3	2	0.2	1	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	21	0.2
Hepatitis B - Acute	3	0.3	4	0.4	1	0.1	2	0.2	3	0.3	9	1.0	9	0.9	6	0.6	6	0.6	4	0.4	47	0.5
Hepatitis B-Chronic	15	1.6	11	1.2	9	1	13	1.4	21	2.2	10	1.1	12	1.3	18	1.9	22	2.3	22	2.3	153	1.6
Hepatitis C	299	32.1	212	22.7	252	26.6	289	30.7	332	35.4	362	38.4	296	31.2	295	30.9	347	36.1	350	36.0	3034	32.0
Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)	15	1.6	15	1.6	17	1.8	16	1.7	10	1.1	17	1.8	21	2.2	15	1.6	31	3.2	19	2.0	176	1.9
Direct Contact, Respiratory Routes, and Through the Provision of Health Care																						
Clostridium difficile	1	0.1	0	0.0	500	52.8	676	71.9	610	65	812	86.1	879	92.6	927	97.2	984	102.5	907	93.4	6296	87.0
Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease - Classic	0	0.0	2	0.0	3000	0.3	1	0.1	2	0.2	012	0.0	1	0.1	1	0.1	0	0.0	2	0.2	12	07.0
Encephalitis - Viral	1	0.0	2	0.2	1	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.2	2	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.2	7	0.1
Group A Streptococcal Disease Invasive-Severe	3	0.1	13	1.4	11	1.2	6	0.6	8	0.1	10	1.1	6	0.6	16	1.7	21	2.2	18	1.9	112	1.2
Group A Streptococcal Disease Invasive-Severe	12	1.3	11	1.4	13	1.2	15	1.6	14	1.5	15	1.6	12	1.3	30	3.1	36	3.8	41	4.2	199	2.1
Group B Streptococcal Disease of the Newborn	6	0.6	3	0.3	13	0.1	3	0.3	14	0.1	3	0.3	3	0.3	30	0.3	5	0.5	41	0.3	31	0.3
Legionellosis	1	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	0.3	3	0.1	7	0.3	1	0.1	9	0.9	5	0.5	7	0.7	35	0.0
Meningitis - Bacterial	2	0.1	2	0.0	0	0.0	2	0.2	2	0.3	0	0.7	0	0.1	1	0.9	0	0.0	4	0.7	00	0.4
Meningitis - Viral	2	0.2	11	1.2	39	4.1	20	2.1	15	1.6	17	1.8	2	0.0	0	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.1	o 106	1.1
Meningococcal Disease Invasive	2	0.2	3	0.3	2	4.1	20	0.0	3	0.3	7	0.7	2	0.2	6	0.6	4	0.0	6	0.0	38	0.4
Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA)	912	97.8	838	89.9	835	88.2	787	83.7	644	68.6	623	66.1	569	59.9	522	54.7	637	66.4	604	62.2	6971	73.8
Pneumococcal Disease Invasive	35	3.8	51	5.5	51	5.4	65	6.9	66	7.0	52	5.5	66	7.0	49	5.1	61	6.4	125	12.9	621	6.6
Tuberculosis	10	3.0 1.1	9	5.5 1.0	8	5.4 0.8	60 8	0.9	7	0.7	52	5.5 0.6	3	0.3	49 Q	0.9	10	0.4	125	0.5	75	0.0
Vancomvcin resistant Enterococcus (VRE)	10	1.1 0.9	9 18	1.0 1.9	8 49	0.8 5.2	8 43	0.9 4.6	7 17	0.7	6 4	0.6	3 13	0.3	121	0.9 12.7	31	1.0 3.2	5 24	0.5 2.5	328	0.8
Enteric, Foodborne, and Waterborne Diseases	0	0.9	10	1.9	49	J.Z	43	4.0	17	1.0	4	0.4	13	1.4	121	12.7	31	3.Z	24	2.0	320	3.5
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Amebiasis	(	0.8	8	0.9	4	0.4	3	0.3	3	0.3	6	0.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	31	0.3
Botulism	0	0.0	1	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.0
Campylobacteriosis	151	16.2	185	19.8	188	19.9	172	18.3	181	19.3	155	16.4	170	17.9	185	19.4	204	21.3	221	22.8	1812	19.1
Cryptosporidiosis	21	2.3	12	1.3	18	1.9	22	2.3	32	3.4	17	1.8	27	2.8	41	4.3	41	4.3	40	4.1	271	2.9
Cyclosporiasis	2	0.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	0.3	1	0.1	3	0.3	2	0.2	2	0.2	2	0.2	1	0.1	16	0.2
Giardiasis	68	7.3	66	7.1	96	10.1	96	10.2	91	9.7	87	9.2	100	10.5	93	9.7	76	7.9	106	10.9	879	9.3
Hepatitis A	3	0.3	4	0.4	2	0.2	2	0.2	3	0.3	1	0.1	11	1.2	2	0.2	4	0.4	4	0.4	36	0.4
Hepatitis E	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Listeriosis - Invasive	9	1.0	6	0.6	4	0.4	8	0.9	5	0.5	8	0.8	4	0.4	4	0.4	3	0.3	2	0.2	53	0.6
Salmonellosis	145	15.5	170	18.2	150	15.8	169	18.0	204	21.7	169	17.9	138	14.5	171	17.9	184	19.2	130	13.4	1630	17.2
Shigellosis	11	1.2	13	1.4	11	1.2	1	0.1	9	1.0	5	0.5	10	1.1	10	1.0	4	0.4	7	0.7	81	0.9
Typhoid	3	0.3	1	0.1	0	0.0	1	0.1	2	0.2	0	0.0	1	0.1	2	0.2	0	0.0	1	0.1	11	0.1
Verotoxigenic E. coli	14	1.5	18	1.9	18	1.9	11	1.2	10	1.1	5	0.5	5	0.5	21	2.2	5	0.5	10	1.0	117	1.2
Yersiniosis	3	0.3	1	0.1	3	0.3	3	0.3	2	0.2	2	0.2	1	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	15	0.2
Sexually Transmitted Infections																						
Chlamydia	2230	239.1	2478	265.7	2614	276.2	2466	262.1	2631	280.2	2865	303.8	2930	308.6	2988	313.3	3280	341.7	3178	327.2	27660	291.8
Gonorrhea	100	10.7	102	10.9	119	12.6	97	10.3	111	11.8	131	13.9	202	21.3	233	24.4	309	32.2	237	24.4	1641	17.3
Lymphogranuloma Venereum	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.0
Syphilis - Infectious	20	2.1	36	3.9	68	7.2	85	9.0	63	6.7	44	4.7	20	2.1	26	2.7	33	3.4	57	5.9	452	4.8
Syphilis - Non-Infectious or Stage Pending	8	0.9	13	1.4	10	1.1	23	2.4	37	3.9	27	2.9	17	1.8	12	1.3	17	1.8	26	2.7	190	2.0
Vaccine Preventable Diseases																						
Acute Flaccid Paralysis	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.0
Haemophilus influenzae Type b Invasive Disease	1	0.1	1	0.1	1	0.1	1	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	5	0.1
Measles	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	29	3.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	29	0.3
Mumps	1	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	0.2	1	0.1	6	0.6	1	0.1	21	2.2	77	8.0	2	0.2	111	1.2
Pertussis	6	0.6	3	0.3	22	2.3	4	0.4	11	1.2	110	11.7	63	6.6	45	4.7	3	0.3	6	0.6	273	2.9
Tetanus	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.0
Vectorborne and Other Zoonoses																						
Lyme Disease - Confirmed	13	1.4	35	3.8	35	3.7	121	12.9	69	7.3	129	13.7	165	17.4	307	32.2	247	25.7	434	44.7	1555	16.3
Lyme Disease - Probable	13	0.4	22	2.4	17	1.8	35	3.7	47	5.0	129	13.7	160	16.9	279	29.2	207	21.6	396	44.7	1296	13.6
Malaria	5	0.4	0	0.0	3	0.3	3	0.3	- 47	0.3	12.5	0.4	6	0.6	213	0.3	207	0.6	000	40.8	37	0.4
Q-Fever	5	0.3	2	0.0	0	0.3	3	0.3	0	0.3	4	0.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	0.4	57	0.4
Q-Fevel Toxoplasmosis	1	0.3	2	0.2	0	0.0	1	0.0	2	0.0	3	0.3	1	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.1
West Nile Virus		0.1	2	0.2	0	0.0	1	0.1	3	0.3	1	0.1	1	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	9	0.1
	0	0.0	4388	0.0	0	0.0	5075	0.0	5202	0.0	0	0.0	5000	0.0	U CEOM	0.0	0	0.0	7000	0.0	56492	0.0
Total Number	4162		4388		5178		5275		5283		5867		5933		6504		6902		7000		56492	

Notes: Notifiable diseases with no reported cases in the last 10 years and influenza cases are not included in this table.

#### TABLE 2: Notifiable diseases reported in Nova Scotia in 2019 by Health Management Zone: Number of reports and crude rates per 100,000 population

Condition	Zone 1 Western		Zone		Zon		Zon		Nova S	cotia
			Northe		East		Cen			
Bloodborne Pathogens	n	Rate	n	Rate	n	Rate	n	Rate	n	Rate
Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Hepatitis B - Acute	0	0.0	1	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.6	0	0.0
Hepatitis B - Chronic	1	0.5	1	0.7	5	3.1	15	3.2	22	2.3
Hepatitis C	38	19.1	75	50.5	5 100	61.7	13	29.7	350	36.0
Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)	0	0.0	1	0.7	100	2.5	14	23.1	19	2.0
Direct Contact, Respiratory Routes,		0.0	<u> </u>	0.1		2.0	14	<u> </u>	10	2.0
and Through the Provision of Health Care										
Clostridium difficile	165	82.8	129	86.9	244	150.5	369	79.9	907	93.4
Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease - Classic	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.6	1	0.1	2	0.2
Group A Streptococcal Disease Invasive-Severe	6	3.0	0	0	7	4.3	5	1.1	18	1.9
Group A Streptococcal Disease Invasive-Non-Severe	9	4.5	7	4.7	13	8.0	12	2.6	41	4.2
Group B Streptococcal Disease of the Newborn	0	0.0	1	0.7	2	1.2	0	0	3	0.3
Legionellosis	1	0.5	1	0.7	0	0.0	5	1.1	7	0.7
Meningitis - Bacterial	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.2	1	0.1
Meningococcal Disease Invasive	2	1.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	0.9	6	0.6
Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA)	143	71.8	107	72.1	141	87.0	213	46.1	604	62.2
Pneumococcal Disease Invasive	16	8.0	12	8.1	42	25.9	55	11.9	125	12.9
Tuberculosis	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	1.2	3	0.6	5	0.5
Vancomycin resistant Enterococcus (VRE)	5	2.5	4	2.7	5	3.1	10	2.2	24	2.5
Enteric, Foodborne, and Waterborne Diseases										
Botulism	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Campylobacteriosis	73	36.7	34	22.9	18	11.1	96	20.8	221	22.8
Cryptosporidiosis	10	5.0	9	6.1	5	3.1	16	3.5	40	4.1
Cyclosporiasis	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.2	1	0.1
Giardiasis	22	11.0	13	8.8	10	6.2	61	13.2	106	10.9
Hepatitis A	0	0.0	1	0.7	1	0.6	2	0.4	4	0.4
Listeriosis - Invasive	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	0.4	2	0.2
Salmonellosis	25	12.6 0.0	15	10.1 0.7	19	11.7 0.0	71	15.4	130	13.4 0.7
Shigellosis	0	0.0	1	0.7	0	0.0	0	1.3 0.2	1	0.7
Typhoid Verotoxigenic E. coli	0	0.0	1	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.2	10	1.0
Sexually Transmitted Infections	1	0.5	I	0.7	0	0.0	0	1.7	10	1.0
Chlamydia	449	225.4	325	218.9	520	320.8	1884	408.1	3178	327.2
Gonorrhea	449	7.0	525 14	218.9 9.4	520	2.5	205	408.1	237	24.4
Syphilis - Infectious	2	1.0	8	5.4	12		35	7.6	57	5.9
Syphilis - Non-Infectious or Stage Pending	2	0.0	2	5.4 1.3	12	2.5	20	4.3	26	2.7
Vaccine Preventable Diseases	0	0.0	2	1.5		2.5	20	4.5	20	2.1
Acute Flaccid Paralysis	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Haemophilus influenzae Type b Invasive Disease	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Measles	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Mumps	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	0.4	2	0.2
Pertussis	1	0.5	0	0.0	0	0	5	1.1	6	0.6
Tetanus	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Vectorborne and Other Zoonoses										
Lyme Disease - Confirmed	268	134.6	83	55.9	3	1.9	80	17.3	434	44.7
Lyme Disease - Probable	370	185.8	9	6.1	1	0.6	16	3.5	396	40.8
Malaria	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	4	0.9	4	0.4
West Nile Virus	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
TOTAL	1621		854		1163		3362		7000	

TABLE 3: Notifiable diseases reported in Nova Scotia in 2019 by age group: Number of reports and age-specific rates per 100,000 population

	Age Group (Years)													al NS
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Condition	n	Rate	n	Rate	n	Rate	n	Rate	n	Rate	n	Rate	n	Rate
Bloodborne Pathogens	<del></del>													
Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Hepatitis B - Acute	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	1.1	2	0.7	0	0.0	4	0.4
Hepatitis B - Chronic	1	2.3	1	1.0	1	0.9	12	6.7	5	1.9	2	0.7	22	2.3
Hepatitis C	1	2.3	0	0	46	40.6	166	92.3	104	39.3	33	11.9	350	36.0
Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	3.5	7	3.9	7	2.6	1	0.4	19	2.0
Direct Contact, Respiratory Routes, and Through the Provision of Health Care														
Clostridium difficile	5	11.6	8	8.6	36	31.7	70	38.9	173	65.3	615	222.3	907	93.4
Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease - Classic	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	0.7	2	0.2
Group A Streptococcal Disease Invasive-Severe	1	2.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	5	2.8	5	1.9	7	2.5	18	1.9
Group A Streptococcal Disease Invasive-Non-Severe	0	0.0	2	2.1	2	1.8	7	3.9	10	3.8	20	7.2	41	4.2
Group B Streptococcal Disease of the Newborn	3	6.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	0.3
Legionellosis	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	1.1	4	1.4	7	0.7
Meningitis - Bacterial	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.1
Meningococcal Disease Invasive	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	1.8	1	0.6	1	0.4	2	0.7	6	0.6
Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA)	8	18.5	9	9.6	23	20.3	55	30.6	131	49.4	378	136.7	604	62.2
Pneumococcal Disease Invasive	3	6.9	2	2.1	2	1.8	1	0.6	33	12.5	84	30.4	125	12.9
Tuberculosis	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.9	3	1.7	0	0.0	1	0.4	5	0.5
Vancomycin resistant Enterococcus (VRE)	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	1.1	3	1.1	19	6.9	24	2.5
Enteric, Foodborne, and Waterborne Diseases		0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	-		0		10	0.0	2.	2.0
Botulism	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Campylobacteriosis	9	20.8	5	5.3	21	18.5	38	21.1	69	26	79	28.6	221	22.8
Cryptosporidiosis	9	20.8	2	2.1	21	6.2	13	7.2	17	6.4	19	0.4	40	4.1
Cyclosporiasis	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.2	0	0.0	0	0.4	1	0.4	40	4.1
Giardiasis	0	9.3	18	19.3	11	9.7	30	16.7	17	6.4	26	0.4 9.4	106	10.9
Hepatitis A	4	9.3 0.0	10	19.3	2	9.7 1.8	0	0.0	1	0.4	20	0.0	100	0.4
Listeriosis - Invasive	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.4	2	0.0	4	0.4
Salmonellosis	11	25.5	11	11.8	16	14.1	27	15.0	37	14	28	10.1	130	13.4
Shigellosis	1	23.3	2	2.1	0	0.0	1	0.6	2	0.8	20	0.4	7	0.7
Typhoid*	0	2.3	2	2.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	0.0	0	0.4	1	0.7
Verotoxigenic E. coli	3	6.9	1	1.1	1	0.0	2	0.0	2	0.0	1	0.0	10	1.0
Sexually Transmitted Infections	3	0.9	1	1.1	1	0.9	Z	1.1	Z	0.0	1	0.4	10	1.0
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Chlamydia	1	2.3	5	5.3	2167	1911.4	896	498.4	102	38.5	6	2.2	3178	
Gonorrhea	0	0.0	0	0.0	80	70.6	128	71.2	23	8.7	6	2.2	237	24.4
Syphilis - Infectious	0	0.0 0.0	0	0.0	9 2	7.9	24	13.3	19	7.2	5	1.8	57	5.9
Syphilis - Non-Infectious or Stage Pending	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	1.8	8	4.4	11	4.1	5	1.8	26	2.7
Vaccine Preventable Diseases			-						-		-		-	
Acute Flaccid Paralysis	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Haemophilus influenzae Type b Invasive Disease	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Measles	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Mumps	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.9	1	0.6	0	0.0	0	0	2	0.2
Pertussis	1	2.3	5	5.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	6	0.6
Tetanus	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Vectorborne and Other Zoonoses														
Lyme Disease - Confirmed	9	20.8	62	66.4	19	16.8	42	23.3	122	46	180	65.1	434	44.7
Lyme Disease - Probable	5	11.6	34	36.4	25	22.1	40	22.2	116	43.8	176	63.6	396	40.8
Malaria	0	0	0	0.0	1	0.9	2	1.1	1	0.4	0	0.0	4	0.4
West Nile Virus	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
TOTAL	66		169		2479		1584		1016		1685		7000	

**Notes:** Excludes 1 case of chlamydia with no reported age.

TABLE 4: Notifiable diseases reported in Nova Scotia in 2019: Number of reports and sex-specific rates per 100,000 population

		Total NC							
Condition	Fe	male	М	ale	Total NS				
Condition	n	Rate	n	Rate	n	Rate			
Bloodborne Pathogens									
Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0			
Hepatitis B - Acute	1	0.2	3	0.6	4	0			
Hepatitis B - Chronic	11	2.2	11	2.3	22	2			
Hepatitis C	129	26.0	221	46.5	350	36			
Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)	4	0.8	15	3.2	19	2			
Direct Contact, Respiratory Routes, and Through the Provision of Health Care									
Clostridium difficile	535	107.9	372	78.2	907	93			
Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease - Classic	2	0.4	0	0.0	2	0			
Group A Streptococcal Disease Invasive-Severe	6	1.2	12	2.5	18	1			
Group A Streptococcal Disease Invasive-Non-Severe	15	3	26	5.5	41	4			
Group B Streptococcal Disease of the Newborn	1	0.2	2	0.4	3	0			
Legionellosis	1	0.2	6	1.3	7	0			
Meningitis - Bacterial	0	0.0	1	0.2	1	0			
Meningococcal Disease Invasive	2	0.0	4	0.2	6	0			
Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA)	296	59.7	308	64.8	604	62			
Pneumococcal Disease Invasive	60	12.1	65	13.7	125	12			
Tuberculosis	2	0.4	3	0.6	125	0			
	11	2.2	13	2.7	24	2			
Vancomycin resistant Enterococcus (VRE)	11	Z.Z	13	Z.1	24	2			
Enteric, Foodborne, and Waterborne Diseases									
Botulism	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0			
Campylobacteriosis	101	20.4	120	25.2	221	22			
Cryptosporidiosis	26	5.2	14	2.9	40	4			
Cyclosporiasis	1	0.2	0	0.0	1	0			
Giardiasis	42	8.5	64	13.5	106	10			
Hepatitis A	2	0.4	2	0.4	4	0			
Listeriosis - Invasive	1	0.2	1	0.2	2	0			
Salmonellosis	67	13.5	63	13.2	130	13			
Shigellosis	4	0.8	3	0.6	7	0			
Typhoid*	1	0.2	0	0.0	1	0			
Verotoxigenic E. coli	8	1.6	2	0.4	10	1			
Sexually Transmitted Infections									
Chlamydia	2129	429.3	1048	220.4	3178	327			
Gonorrhea	81	16.3	156	32.8	237	24			
Syphilis - Infectious	6	1.2	51	10.7	57	5			
Syphilis - Non-Infectious or Stage Pending	11	2.2	15	3.1	26	2			
Vaccine Preventable Diseases									
Acute Flaccid Paralysis	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0			
Haemophilus influenzae Type b Invasive Disease	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0			
Measles	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0			
Mumps	1	0.2	1	0.2	2	0			
Pertussis	1	0.2	5	1.1	6	0			
Tetanus	0	0.2	0	0.0	0	0			
Vectorborne and Other Zoonoses	, v	0.0	5	0.0		0			
Lyme Disease - Confirmed	172	34.7	262	55.1	434	44			
,		-	262	55.1 48	434 396	44			
Lyme Disease - Probable	168	33.9		-	396 4				
Malaria	0	0 0.0	4 0	0.8 0.0	4	0			
West Nile Virus									

**Notes:** Excludes 1 chlamydia case with no reported sex.