

Fact Sheet

Communicable Disease Control Branch

The Communicable Disease Control Branch (CDCB) is part of the Health Regulation and Protection division of the Department for Health and Wellbeing.

The work of CDCB contributes to protecting and promoting the health and wellbeing of all South Australians through preventing, monitoring and controlling infectious diseases in the community. It provides information, education and advice; develops resources and guidelines; and contributes to the development and delivery of public health policy and programs.

The Branch comprises of the following sections:

> **Data and Corporate Services**

Provides corporate support and administrative services to all sections of CDCB, including: IT, communications, human resources, financial services, records management, clinical data entry, distribution of public health alerts, reception and switchboard services.

> **Disease Surveillance and Investigation Section**

Responsible for the surveillance, monitoring and investigation of notifiable diseases in South Australia (SA). Initiates immediate public health action to minimise the transmission of infectious disease. Provides enhanced surveillance of food-borne outbreaks in conjunction with OzFoodNet.

> **Immunisation Section**

Broadly responsible for the coordination and promotion of all funded immunisation programs in SA, the Immunisation Section team also informs local and national public health policy with regard to immunisation through ongoing research and evaluation of emerging evidence and providing professional leadership for the immunisation workforce across all provider settings in SA.

> **Infection Control Service**

Responsible for the monitoring, control and prevention of health care associated infections and other infectious diseases in SA health care facilities. Provides education and information to health care professionals, other government and non-government agencies.

> **Sexually Transmissible Infection and Blood Borne Virus Section**

Responsible for the coordination and administration of SA's response to sexually transmissible infections, HIV, viral hepatitis and related disease through policy and program development.

> **Specialist Services Section**

Provides specialist medical and epidemiological advice on communicable disease control, surveillance and investigation. Responsible for areas such as the Rheumatic Heart Disease program, the SA Syphilis Register and Antimicrobial Programs including the National Antibiotic Utilisation Surveillance Program.

For more information

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