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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 29, 2020

TO: County Health Department Epidemiology Programs

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SUBJECT: Summary of 2021 Changes to Reportable Disease Case Definitions, Florida

Each January, the Bureau of Epidemiology changes Florida reportable disease surveillance case definitions for general communicable diseases to align with position statements approved by the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) at their annual meeting. Due to COVID-19, there was not an annual CSTE meeting in 2020, resulting in limited case definition updates. Acute flaccid myelitis (AFM) is the only reportable disease with a case definition update for 2021. **The revised case definition for AFM will be applied to all cases with event dates in report year 2021, beginning January 3, 2021.**

The fully revised document, *Surveillance Case Definitions for Reportable Diseases in Florida, 2021 v1.0*, will be posted on the Surveillance Case Definitions and MMWR Weeks website (www.Floridahealth.gov/DiseaseCaseDefinitions).

Thank you very much for your surveillance and reporting efforts throughout the year. Your input is essential as we continue to work together to prevent and control these diseases.