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Dear Queensland Primary Health Networks

Acute post-streptococcal glomerulonephritis (APSGN) is now listed under Schedule 1 (notifiable conditions) of the Public Health Regulation 2018, effective 20 October 2023.

APSGN is notifiable on the basis of clinical evidence including clinical history and signs and symptoms.

Under Chapter 3 of the *Public Health Act 2005* doctors (section 70) or a person in charge of a hospital (section 71) have a statutory obligation to notify confirmed or suspected APSGN within 48 hours of diagnosis to a Queensland public health unit using the approved Notifiable conditions report form.

APSGN constitutes a significant public health risk for the following reasons:

- the risk of kidney damage as a result of the disease;
- high rates of hospitalisation for APSGN cases;
- the significantly higher APSGN rates occurring among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people; and
- the transmissibility of group A streptococcal bacteria which causes APSGN disease, particularly in vulnerable communities.

APSGN most commonly affects children between 12 months to 17 years of age but can occur at any age.

Timely notification of APSGN is important to monitor epidemiology, detect clusters of cases, trigger or direct public health activities and enhance patient care delivery and coordination.

Should you require further information, please contact your local public health unit.

For a full list of notifiable conditions, please refer to Schedule 1 of the Public Health Regulation 2018.

Yours sincerely

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