

PROPOSED STATE RULES

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To obtain further information concerning any scheduled hearing(s), obtain copies of proposed rule(s) or submit comments regarding proposed rule(s), please call or write the contact person listed below. You may also submit comments in writing to the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules, State House, Montpelier, Vermont 05602 (802-828-2231).

Unused Drug Repository Rule.

Vermont Proposed Rule: 24P013

AGENCY: Agency of Human Services, Department of Health

CONCISE SUMMARY: This rulemaking establishes the requirements for the administration of, and participation in, the Unused Drug Repository program. The purpose of this program is to get medicine to those who need it and who may have difficulty affording it. This Program will collect, inspect, and dispense medicine to patients, with priority given to those who meet the statutory criteria. This rulemaking outlines the program requirements for the Program Administrator Collection Sites, Dispensing Sites, donors, and recipients.

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Reportable and Communicable Diseases Rule.

Vermont Proposed Rule: 24P014

AGENCY: Agency of Human Services, Department of Health

CONCISE SUMMARY: This rulemaking does the following: 1) Modifies the content contained in reports to include additional information if requested; 2) Removes the requirement to report negative and indeterminate SARS-CoV-2, the lab test for COVID-19, results to the Department of Health (Department); 3) Changes the required reporting period for positive SARS-CoV-2 results and COVID-19 from "immediately" to "within 24 hours"; 4) Adds Mpox to the list of reportable diseases and the associated laboratory finding, Non-variola Orthopoxvirus, to the list of reportable laboratory findings; 5) Clarifies that immediate reporting for identified diseases and laboratory findings means they must be reported by telephone to the Department; 6) Requires additional organisms to be sent to the Department Laboratory; 7) Updates and clarifies various other human and animal diseases, syndromes, and laboratory findings required to be reported to the Department; and 8) Reorganizes the rule for clarity.

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Improved Tracking of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses.

Vermont Proposed Rule: 24P015

AGENCY: Department of Labor

CONCISE SUMMARY: OSHA is amending its occupational injury and illness recordkeeping regulation to require certain employers to electronically submit injury and illness information to OSHA that employers are already required to keep under the recordkeeping regulation. Specifically, OSHA is amending its regulation to require establishments with 100 or more employees in certain designated industries to electronically submit information from their OSHA Forms 300 and 301 to OSHA once a year. OSHA will not collect employee names or addresses, names of health care professionals, or names and addresses of facilities where treatment was provided if treatment was provided away from the worksite from the Forms 300 and 301. OSHA intends to post this information - after redacting appropriate personal and medically protected information - on its website accessible by the public.

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