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### **2020 Hospital Infections Disclosure Act (HIDA) Annual Report**

#### **Summary**

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) recently published the 2020 Hospital Infections Disclosure Act (HIDA) Annual Report. Data in the report reflect healthcare-associated infections (HAIs), i.e., infections acquired in health care settings or as a result of medical procedures.

#### **Background**

This annual report is presented by DHEC's Division of Acute Disease Epidemiology in an effort to address HAIs and promote transparency in healthcare across South Carolina. DHEC, with the support of an advisory committee, has enforced HAI reporting as mandated by the Hospital Infections Disclosure Act (HIDA, S.C. Code Section 44-7-2410) since 2006. This law requires the reporting of HAI data from acute care hospitals (ACH), critical access hospitals, long-term acute care hospitals, and inpatient rehabilitation facilities (IRF) to the public. HAI monitoring promotes infection prevention activities within healthcare facilities to improve patient safety.

#### **Content**

The 2020 annual report on HAIs includes data from 82 facilities: 58 general hospitals, 10 inpatient rehabilitation hospitals, six long-term acute care hospitals, four critical access hospitals, one women's hospital, one children's hospital, one women's and children's hospital, and one surgical hospital.

The report contains data from January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020, for the following categories of infections:

- Central Line Associated Blood Stream Infections
- Laboratory-identified Events
- Procedure-level and Surgical Site Infections

To review or download the [2020 report](#), visit the [DHEC website](#).

Questions or comments regarding the South Carolina 2020 Hospital Infections Disclosure Act (HIDA) Annual Report may be directed to the DHEC Division of Acute Disease Epidemiology, Healthcare-Associated Infections Section at (803) 331-1426.

## DHEC contact information for reportable diseases and reporting requirements

Reporting of conditions present on the DHEC List of Reportable Conditions is consistent with South Carolina Law requiring the reporting of diseases and conditions to your state or local public health department. (State Law # 44-29-10 and Regulation # 61-20) as per the DHEC 2022 List of Reportable Conditions available at: <https://www.scdhec.gov/sites/default/files/Library/CR-009025.pdf>

Federal HIPAA legislation allows disclosure of protected health information, without consent of the individual, to public health authorities to collect and receive such information for the purpose of preventing or controlling disease. (HIPAA 45 CFR §164.512).

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