

# CDRS

Communicable Disease Reporting System

## COMMUNICABLE DISEASE FACT SHEET **MYCOBACTERIAL DISEASE**

Mycobacterial disease is caused by one of a number of bacterial disease caused by mycobacterium other than the one that cause Tuberculosis. The people at highest risk of these diseases are people who are immunocompromised.

### Symptoms

- The symptoms are dependent on the organism and the site of infection, but the disease is usually chronic and progressive.
- People infected with HIV may have night sweats, weight loss, abdominal pain, fatigue, diarrhea, and anemia.

### Transmission

- Although the mode of transmission is unclear, many of these organisms are found in the soil, food, water and animals.
- Most infections appear to be acquired by eating, breathing, or introducing the organism into the body from natural sources in the environment.

### Treatment

- Infections that are untreatable are common.
- Skin infections may require surgical removal of the area.
- Extensive therapy for a long time is frequently required. Resistance to antibiotics may be increasing.

### Prevention

- The most effective method of prevention is to wash your hands thoroughly and often.

### Additional Information

This disease is not required to be reported, but the incidence is decreasing among HIV infected persons as a result of new treatments, and combinations treatments.

**All information is general in nature and is not intended to be used as a substitute for appropriate professional advice.**

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