

**TEXAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION  
NOTICE REGARDING CERTAIN WORK-RELATED COMMUNICABLE  
DISEASES AND ELIGIBILITY FOR  
WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS**

**TO: LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, FIRE FIGHTERS,  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE EMPLOYEES, PARAMEDICS,  
AND CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS**

IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS, AN EMPLOYEE WHO CLAIMS A POSSIBLE WORK-RELATED EXPOSURE TO A REPORTABLE DISEASE, INCLUDING HIV INFECTION, MUST BE TESTED FOR THE DISEASE NOT LATER THAN THE 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY AFTER THE EXPOSURE AND MUST PROVIDE THEIR EMPLOYER WITH DOCUMENTATION OF THE TEST AND A SWORN AFFIDAVIT OF THE DATE AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE EXPOSURE. THE TEST RESULT MUST INDICATE THE ABSENCE OF THE DISEASE. THE EMPLOYEE IS NOT REQUIRED TO PAY FOR THE TEST.

Reportable diseases are those communicable diseases and health conditions required to be reported to the Texas Department of Health. Exposure criteria and testing protocol must conform to Texas Department of Health requirements.

**TO: ALL STATE EMPLOYEES**

IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS, A STATE EMPLOYEE WHO CLAIMS A POSSIBLE WORK-RELATED EXPOSURE TO HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV) INFECTION, MUST BE TESTED FOR HIV WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER THE EXPOSURE AND MUST PROVIDE THEIR EMPLOYER WITH DOCUMENTATION OF THE TEST AND A WRITTEN STATEMENT OF THE DATE AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE EXPOSURE. THE TEST RESULT MUST INDICATE THE ABSENCE OF HIV INFECTION. THE EMPLOYEE IS NOT REQUIRED TO PAY FOR THE TEST.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: TALK TO YOUR EMPLOYER OR CALL THE TEXAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION AT 1-800-972-7713. ALSO, CONTACT THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (TDH) TO ENSURE FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THE HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE AND TDH RULES.