Changes to the Communicable Disease and Injury Reporting Rules

The new Communicable Disease and Injury Reporting rules went into effect on September 12, 2014 (http://www.ok.gov/health/Disease,_Prevention,_Preparedness/Acute_Disease_Service/Disease_Reporting/What_to_Report/index.html). The significant changes to the rules are listed below.

Diseases to be Reported Immediately upon Suspicion, Diagnosis or Positive Test
Diseases/conditions that have been added
- Novel coronavirus
- Novel influenza A

Diseases and Conditions to be Reported within One Business Day
Diseases/conditions that have been modified
- Hepatitis C in persons < or = 40 years or in persons having jaundice or ALT > or = 400 regardless of age with laboratory confirmation. If hepatitis C EIA is confirmed by NAT for HCV RNA, or signal-to-cut-off (s/co) ratio or index is predictive of a true positive then report results of the entire hepatitis panel (Removed RIBA as a reportable confirmatory test for hepatitis C)
- Influenza associated hospitalization or death (Influenza associated pediatric mortality was expanded to include all influenza associated hospitalizations or deaths)

Diseases and Conditions to be Reported within One Month
Diseases/conditions that have been modified
- CD4 cell count with corresponding CD4 cell count percentage of total (by laboratories only) (Expanded reporting of CD4 cell counts from <500 to all)