

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
CONCISE STATEMENT OF PROPOSED NON-TEHCNICAL AMENDMENTS
(AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING REGULATIONS)**

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-1.7(b)(8), the following is a concise statement of proposed non-technical amendments to *Reporting and Testing of Infectious, Environmental, and Occupational Diseases (216-RICR-30-05-1)*

Amendment Coordinates	Rationale/Summary of Change
§ 1.5.3(D)(17)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replaces “novel coronavirus” with “novel or emerging respiratory viruses”
§ 1.5.3(E)(2)(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removes the requirement for laboratories to submit stained smears to the RI State Health Laboratories
§ 1.5.3(E)(12)(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removes the requirement for laboratories to submit stained smears to the RI State Health Laboratories
§ 1.5.3(E)(31)(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removes the requirement for laboratories to submit stained smears to the RI State Health Laboratories
§ 1.5.3(E)(33)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children to be reported within four days
§ 1.5.3(E)(38)(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removes the requirement for laboratories to submit stained smears to the RI State Health Laboratories