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## **HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Disease Prevention and Control Division**

### **An Inventory of Its Communicable Disease Histories**

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#### **OVERVIEW**

**Agency:** Minnesota. Disease Prevention and Control Division.  
**Title:** Communicable disease histories.  
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#### **SCOPE AND CONTENTS**

Documenting the occurrence of over eighty diseases, these files cover outbreaks, investigations, prevention programs, and vaccine and other medication distributions and studies. Included are reports, research papers and articles, analyses, case histories, surveys, and statistics. The latter, kept both on cases and deaths, were collected using criteria such as location, date, sex, race, and age.

Although labeled communicable disease histories by the Health Department, these files also cover a number of non-communicable diseases. They also contain information on environmental sanitation, animal diseases, instructions to food handlers, and departmental memos on athlete's feet and pediculosis (head lice).

## INDEX TERMS

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### **Topics:**

Athlete's foot—Prevention.  
Communicable diseases in animals—Minnesota.  
Communicable diseases—Minnesota.  
Death—Causes—Statistics.  
Diseases—Minnesota.  
Epidemics—Minnesota.  
Food industry and trade—Sanitation—Minnesota.  
Pediculosis—Prevention.  
Sanitary engineering—Minnesota.  
Sexually transmitted diseases—Minnesota.  
Vaccination—Minnesota.

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## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

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### Location

101.G.18.8F                      Actinomycosis, cases and deaths, 1922-1962.  
Allergies, ragweed control article, 1968.  
Animal diseases, various veterinary reports, 1952-1957.  
Anthrax, cases and deaths, 1919-1966.  
Appendicitis, deaths, 1910-1938.  
Arthrogyriposis, description, 1960.  
Athlete's foot, Health Department memos, 1952-1969.  
Blastomycosis:  
    Cases and deaths, 1931-1972.  
    Bigfork Investigation, 1972-1973.  
    Bigfork Skin Tests, A-Z, 1972-1973. 4 folders.  
Botulism:  
    Cases in U.S. and Canada, articles, 1899-1969.  
    Minnesota cases, 1929-1972.  
Breast abscess, case histories, 1948-1950.  
Brucellosis (Undulant Fever):  
    Cases and deaths by year, 1927-1973.  
    Cases by county, 1927-1972.  
    Miscellaneous figures, 1927-1957.  
    Analysis of Minnesota cases, 1938-1961.  
    Cases in United States, 1930-1943.  
    Articles and papers, 1936-1968.  
Cancer, deaths to cancer of the respiratory system, 1930-1959.  
Cancer, incidence of gastrointestinal cancer among residents of Duluth,  
    1969-1972.  
Chicken pox, cases and deaths, 1954-1964.  
Cholera, paper, undated.  
Coccidioidomycosis, cases and deaths, 1954-1964.  
Congenital hypothyroidism, article, 1980.  
Coxsackie infection, case histories, 1952-1956.  
Cryptococcosis infection, cases, 1948-1958.  
Cysticercus bovis infection, cases, 1937-1938.

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Diarrhea (infant), cases, 1949.

### Diphtheria:

- Cases and deaths, 1890-1972.
- Cases and deaths, by age groups, 1918-1962.
- Cases by county, 1909-1961.
- Cases by year, 1932-1949.
- Deaths, 1911-1954.
- Deaths, analysis, 1950-1954.
- Minneapolis, Emerson School outbreak, 1936.
- Minnesota diphtheria article, 1947.
- Minnesota diphtheria report, 1947-1955.
- St. Louis County, cases, 1915-1937.
- Various counties, cases, 1916-1944.
- Memoranda and papers, 1937-1971.
- Miscellaneous statistics, 1918-1960.

### Dysentery:

- Amebic, cases and deaths, 1917-1967.
  - Includes cases reported in Rochester, 1939-1947.
- Bacillary, cases and deaths, 1930-1973.

### Encephalitis:

- Cases and deaths, 1919-1974.
- Cases by year, 1919-1963.
- Cases lists, 1951-1971.
- Correspondence, 1933-1976.
- 1941 epidemic.
- Surveillance of arthropod-borne encephalitis in the U.S., 1955-1960, 1962-1964, 1967. 2 folders.
- Post infectious encephalitis due to measles, cases and deaths, 1954-1971.
- Encephalitis in animals, (horses), 1964.
- Articles and papers, 1938-1960.

Erythema Infectiosum, 1961.

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Faulty Environmental Sanitation, cases and deaths, 1935-1958.

Foodborne outbreak, Hopkins Lindberg High School, October 1975.

Food handlers, instructions to, 1943-1976.

Food poisoning, 1950-1972.

Fungus infection, 1947-1964.

Giardiasis in Minnesota, 1971-1975.

Glanders, deaths, 1929-1938.

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Goiter, cases, 1923-1924.

Hepatitis (Infectious and serum):

Cases and Deaths, 1931-1974.

Correspondence, 1947-1972.

Research Papers, 1974-1976.

Herpes simplex infection, cases, 1959-1962.

Histoplasmosis:

Cases and deaths, 1925-1973.

Active cases, 1925-1975.

Cases by age and sex, 1960-1969.

Cases by county, 1925-1969.

Mound (Hennepin County) survey, 1958. 2 folders.

Articles on Minnesota cases, 1953-1963.

Impetigo, memo, 1940.

Infectious mononucleosis, cases reported, 1941-1973.

Influenza:

Cases and deaths, 1910-1972.

Memos, 1941-1973.

Epidemic, 1957.

Research papers, 1918-1963.

Leprosy:

Leprosy in Minnesota, 1890-1970.

Among Scandinavian Settlers in Upper Mississippi Valley 1864-1932, 1950.

Case histories, 1920s-1940s.

Leptospirosis, cases reported, 1940-1972.

Listeriosis, memos and cases, 1962-1968.

Malaria:

Cases and deaths, 1912-1972.

Case lists, 1912-1954.

Printed articles, 1938-1967.

Measles, German (rubella):

Cases and deaths, 1910-1970.

Correspondence, 1932-1972.

Meningitis:

Asceptic, cases, 1956-1965.

Asceptic, articles, 1957-1962.

Cases and deaths, 1918-1971.

CNS cases, 1956.

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Epidemic meningitis, 1950-1952.

Influenzal meningitis, cases, 1940-1943.

Methemoglobinemia, infant (nitrate poisoning) 1947-1949 report.

Mottled teeth, memo, 1926.

Mumps: Rochester and Olmsted County cases, 1955-1974; cases and deaths, 1962-1967.

Newcastle Disease, memo, 1947.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum, reported cases, 1913-1972.

Ornithosis, 1935-1949.

Parasitic infestation, 1946-1980.

Pediculosis (head lice), memos, 1963-1973.

Pellagra, cases and deaths, 1913-1961.

Pinworms, memos, 1962-1972.

Plantar warts, correspondence, 1950-1968.

Pneumonia:

Deaths (all forms), 1910-1967.

Primary atypical pneumonia, cases and deaths, 1960-1962.

Pneumonia typing, 1937-1942.

Serum distribution, 1937-1941.

Printed articles, 1937-1938.

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Poliomyelitis:

Yearly studies and statistics, 1925, 1930, 1931, 1933, 1936-1963.  
30 folders.

Cases and deaths by type, 1930-1965.

Cases and deaths by month of onset, 1910-1970.

Cases and deaths by county, 1910-1967.

Cases and deaths by age and sex, 1937-1958.

Department of Health memos, 1931-1963.

Gamma Globulin memos, 1953.

An evaluation of efficacy of gamma globulin in the prophylaxis of  
paralytic poliomyelitis as used in the U.S. during 1953.

Vaccine Records, 1955 to June 30, 1960. 3 folders.

Vaccine Program, manual of suggested procedures, 1955.

Oral polio vaccine studies, manual, 1960.

Miscellaneous statistics and memos, 1908-1965.

Polio in the U.S., 1930-1961.

Relationship between inoculations and polio, 1952.

Articles, 1910-1960.

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Psittacosis (Parrot Fever):  
Cases and deaths, 1931-1966.  
Case lists by county, 1942-1966.  
Case histories, 1929-1960.  
Correspondence, 1932-1967. 2 folders.  
Q Fever, cases and deaths, 1947-1974.

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Rabies:  
Cases reported, 1907-1975.  
Cases reported by county, 1940-1974.  
Cases reported, 1957-1967.  
Cases reported, 1968-1974.  
Record of examinations, 1896-1960.  
Correspondence, 1950-1968.  
Cases in humans, cases 2-15, 1895-1908.  
Cases in humans, cases 16-29, 1909-1921.  
Cases in humans, correspondence, 1894-1965.  
Suspected Rabies in humans (associated with vaccine), 1958-1969.  
Rabies in humans (Wabasha County), 1964.  
Cases in animals:  
By year and type of animal, 1920-1969.  
By county, 1945-1975. 2 folders.  
Cases reported to the CDC, 1940-1969.  
Rat bite fever, cases reported, 1930-1950.  
Health Department memos, 1928-1975.  
Health Department publications, 1910-1961.  
Epidemiology of Rabies in Minnesota, R. L. Parker, June 1963.  
Research Papers, 1928-1975.  
General information, 1920-1960.  
Rheumatic fever:  
Cases and deaths, 1942-1963.  
Prevention program, 1960.  
Literature and memos, 1943-1955.  
Ringworm of the scalp, 1945-1961.  
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, cases reported, 1931-1974.  
Salmonellosis:  
Cases reported, names, 1946-1973. 5 folders.  
Cases reported, organisms isolated, 1943-1973. 2 folders.  
Richview Nursing Home, Richfield, 1971.  
Miscellaneous statistics, 1941-1974.  
Articles, 1954-1975.

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Scarlet Fever, cases and deaths, 1910-1970.  
Schistosomiasis (swimmer's itch), 1928-1965.

Smallpox:

Minnesota's experience with smallpox, various articles, 1913-1925.  
Itasca County/Lake Winnibigoshish outbreak, 1883-1884.  
Twin Cities outbreak, clippings, 1924-1925.

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Twin Cities outbreak, report of special investigation, 1924-1925.  
Cases and deaths, 1878-1973.

Miscellaneous statistics, 1871-1961.

Correspondence, 1924-1966.

Vaccina, 1924-1966.

Papers and miscellaneous articles, 1913-1959.

Sporotrichosis, cases and deaths, 1953-1962.

Staphylococcal infections, memos, 1958-1961.

Streptococci: Red Lake, 1953-1965.

Tetanus:

Cases and deaths, 1918-1971.

Case lists, 1939-1971.

Toxoplasmosis, cases, 1939-1975.

Trachoma, cases reported, 1912-1961.

Trichinosis, cases and deaths, 1913-1974.

Tuberculosis:

Annual reports, 1952-1968. 2 folders.

Blue Earth County cases, 1903-1944.

Five Minnesota counties, 1911-1912.

Hennepin County, 1913-1959.

St. Louis County, 1944-1960.

Surveys:

Mexican families in Red River Valley, 1933.

Anoka, Pope, Sibley, Stevens counties, 1935.

Carlton, Cook, Lake counties, 1937.

Ottertail County, 1940.

Mexican migrant workers (Blue Earth, Nicollet, Le Sueur counties), 1943.

Austin and Albert Lea, 1944.

Surveys, miscellaneous, 1940-1946.

Deaths, 1887-1972.

Deaths in Hospitals for the Mentally Ill, 1948-1959.

Deaths (names listed), 1951-1966.

Cases and deaths by county, 1910-1973. 10 folders.



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Cases and deaths by age and gender, 1918-1968. 4 folders.  
Deaths by year, 1933-1969.  
Cases and deaths reported in the U.S., 1915-1965.  
Case histories, 1916-1946.  
Correspondence, 1933-1967.  
Instructions to lab workers, circa 1968. 2 folders.  
Lab examinations conducted, 1911-1943, 1956-1973.  
Local tuberculosis control program, 1961-1974.  
Meningitis and military tuberculosis, cases in persons under age 15, 1961-1966.  
Minneapolis cases, 1913-1958.  
Native Americans, tuberculosis cases, 1932-1965.  
New cases by residence and race, 1958-1968.  
Newly reported active cases (group A), 1958-1968.  
Sanatorium districts, statistics, 1922-1965.  
Tuberculosis Facilities Commission, report, 1953 and 1955.  
Unclassified mycobacteria, 1963-1966.  
Thesis, Tuberculosis in the Eastern Health District, Floyd Melvin Feldman, Johns Hopkins University, 1935.  
Miscellaneous pamphlets, 1915-1957.  
Articles on TB, J. Arthur Myers, University of Minnesota, 1963-1966.  
Tuberculosis, general file, 1920-1970

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Tularemia:

Cases and deaths, 1926-1974.  
Analysis of cases, 1934-1962.  
Miscellaneous statistics, 1926-1957.

Typhoid fever:

Mankato outbreak, 1908.  
Lyon County outbreak, 1913-1919.  
New Ulm and Benson outbreak, 1914.  
Traverse County outbreak, 1921-1937.  
Hospital outbreaks, 1924-1926.  
Minneapolis outbreak:  
    Minneapolis statistics, 1891-1910.  
    Bound report on Minneapolis outbreak, 1935. 2 folders.  
    Notes, memos, statistics, 1935. 4 folders.  
Duluth outbreak, 1935.  
St. Paul outbreak, 1935.  
Aitkin County outbreak, 1936.  
St. Louis County cases, 1921-1936.  
Summary of typhoid carriers, 1913-1961. 4 folders.

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Carriers in Minnesota by county, January 1937. 2 folders.  
Carriers and cases, 1961. 2 folders.  
Carriers and cases, 1960-1964.  
Carriers, proposed follow-up, 1951-1952.  
State aid for relief of typhoid carriers, 1913-1961.  
Cases and deaths, 1891-1974.  
Death statistics, 1887-1950.  
Cases and deaths, various locales, 1913-1950.  
Case lists, 1921-1972. 2 folders.  
Case summaries, 1922-1958.  
Cases by year, 1928-1940.  
Cases by age, 1918-1953.  
Phage types, 1948-1956.  
Board of Health notices, 1926-1956.  
Outbreaks traced to water, 1918-1961. 2 folders.  
Outbreaks traced to milk, 1911-1932.  
Outbreaks traced to cheese, 1925.  
Sick in Minnesota but infected elsewhere, 1913-1947.  
Notes, 1924-1951.  
Articles, 1922-1956.

Venereal diseases:

Vaccinia, cases, 1955-1959.  
Cases and deaths (syphilis and gonorrhea), 1918-1974.  
Laboratory test results, 1918-1945.  
Syphilis, 1918-1967.  
General file, 1918-1974.

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Case reports:

Monthly, quarterly, and yearly reports detailing the occurrence of gonorrhea, syphilis and chancroid in the state. Statistical data only (no personal information); may include sex, age, race, county, metropolitan area, marital status, reporting agency, and military or not.

Chronological, with yearly and assorted other reports housed at the end of each year.

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1968-1970.

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Vesicular exanthema, correspondence, 1952.

Veterinarians, serological survey of, 1957.

Vincent's angina, cases reported, 1921-1943.

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Virus diseases:

Statistics, 1955-1958.

Correspondence, 1940-1945.

Virus and bacteria isolation studies from sewage and the Mississippi River, 1965.

Waterborne Outbreaks due to Sewage Poisoning: Gastroenteritis near Grand Marais, August 1975.

Whooping Cough, cases and deaths, 1910-1967.