

CITY OF JOHANNESBURG.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
28th February, 1936.TO ALL MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS.
-----NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

This Department has reason to believe that certain medical practitioners are not complying with Section 20 of the Public Health Act No.36 of 1919 as amended, and the Regulations regarding the notification of cases of infectious disease. Section 20 of the Public Health Act as amended reads :-

- "Sect. 20(1) Every medical practitioner who becomes aware that any person visited or professionally attended by him is suffering from, or who by post-mortem examination or otherwise becomes aware that any person has died of, a notifiable disease, shall, subject to regulations, immediately furnish a written certificate of notification thereof to the local authority of the district in which such person is discovered or has died, and shall also inform the head of the household or the occupier of the premises and any person nursing or in immediate attendance on the patient of the nature of the disease and the precautions to be taken to prevent its occurrence in others.
- (2) Any medical practitioner who fails to furnish a certificate of notification as required by this section, or to inform the head of the household or the occupier of the premises or the person nursing or in attendance on the patient as aforesaid, shall be guilty of an offence, and in any prosecution under this section the onus shall be on the medical practitioner charged to show that he was unaware that the patient was suffering from or had died of a notifiable disease."

The notifiable diseases under the Act and amendments thereto are:-

Smallpox (which term shall be deemed to include the form known as "amaas" or Kafir-pox and any diseases resembling smallpox, except chicken-pox), scarlatina or scarlet fever, typhus fever, diphtheria or membranous croup, erysipelas, puerperal fever (including septicaemia, pyaemia, septic pelvic cellulitis, or other serious septic condition occurring during the puerperal state), asiatic cholera, enteric or typhoid fever (including paratyphoid fever), epidemic cerebro-spinal meningitis or cerebro-spinal fever, acute poliomyelitis, leprosy, plague, anthrax, glanders, rabies, malta fever, sleeping sickness or human trypanosomiasis, and all forms of tuberculosis which are clinically recognizable apart from reaction to the tuberculin test, yellow fever, ophthalmia neonatorum (all forms), and gonorrhoeal ophthalmia,

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infective encephalitis (meaning and including acute encephalitis lethargica, acute polio-encephalitis and all other forms of acute encephalitis of similar causation), trachoma (chronic infectious conjunctivitis), lead poisoning.

In this connection your attention is directed to the following paragraph taken from a circular letter addressed to the Department by the Secretary for Public Health, viz:-

"When a local authority has any reason to believe that
"a medical practitioner has failed to comply with the law
"on the subject, the Department requests that a special
"letter be addressed to him under the hand of the Town
"Clerk or other responsible official, drawing attention
"to the requirements of section 20 of the Public Health
"Act No.36 of 1919. Further, the Medical Officer of
"Health should be instructed to report to the local author-
"ity any non-observance of the law that may be brought to
"his notice in future, so that, if necessary, proceedings
"may be taken against medical practitioners who offend
"in this respect after due warning has been given."

In order to fulfil its functions properly, it is essential that this Department should be aware of the occurrence of all cases of notifiable disease within the Municipal Area and the co-operation of medical practitioners to ensure that this is accomplished will be greatly appreciated.

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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,

25th March, 1936.

To Medical Practitioners.

Dear Sir,

re NOTIFICATION FEES.

I beg to inform you that Notification Fees up to 31st December, 1935, are now ready, and may be obtained on application at Room No.58, Municipal Offices, City Hall.

Yours faithfully,

A.J. MILNE,

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

personal medical practice

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL SERVICES,
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DRILL HALL,
JOHANNESBURG.

24th June 1936.

TO ALL MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS
IN THE TRANSVAAL.

The Scientific Aspect
of
Chemical Warfare.

Colonel E.H. Cluver, Director of Medical Services, Union Defence Forces, and Wing Commander H.R. Raikes, Principal of the Witwatersrand University, have arranged for a series of lectures and demonstrations on the above subject.

A schedule of these lectures and demonstrations is attached hereto.

Chairmen at the meetings have been arranged as follows.-

August 10th	Colonel E.H. Cluver
" 17th	Wing Commander H.R. Raikes
" 24th	Colonel E.H. Cluver
" 31st	Colonel J. Pratt Johnson
Septem. 7th	" " "
" 14th	" " "
" 21st	" " "

Medical Practitioners are cordially invited to attend this short course, which will be one of great scientific and practical interest. Those desirous of attending some, or all of the lectures, should notify their intention to the Deputy Director of Medical Services, Drill Hall, Johannesburg.

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