

NEONATAL ABSTINENCE SYNDROME (NAS)

Effective January 1st, 2016, NAS surveillance will be added to the list of conditions that are notifiable by law to the Georgia Department of Public Health. NAS is a condition that results from the abrupt discontinuation of chronic fetal exposure to substances that were used or abused by the mother during pregnancy.

Criteria for reporting NAS will include at least one of the following: a baby born to a mother with a history of substance abuse during pregnancy, a newborn with withdrawal symptoms and/or a newborn with a positive drug screen. Reports should be submitted within 7 days of identification. Cases can be reported electronically through SENDSS at <http://sendss.state.ga.us>.

