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Health Update

Changes to California Reportable Diseases

Updates to Title 17, Sections 2500 and 2505

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The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has updated the California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Sections 2500 and 2505, which govern reporting requirements for healthcare providers and laboratories. Changes to Section 2500 provider reporting requirements are summarized in this Health Update. More information about disease reporting in Alameda County, including Section 2505 laboratory reporting requirements, can be found on our [Reportable Diseases & Conditions website](#). Changes to both sections 2500 and 2505 go into effect October 1, 2019.

The Alameda County Public Health Department (ACPHD) has additional reporting requirements beyond those of the state's, and as such, clinicians and healthcare facilities must follow Alameda County-specific disease reporting requirements.

Actions Requested of Clinicians

- **Follow updated requirements** for infectious disease reporting in Alameda County available on our [Reportable Diseases & Conditions website](#)
- **Report diseases** for Alameda County residents to the relevant program listed below within the timeframe specified in the Alameda County reporting requirements:
 - HIV Surveillance Phone: (510) 268-2372
 - STD Control and Prevention Phone: (510) 267-3220; Fax: (510) 268-2111
 - Tuberculosis Control Phone: (510) 677-3096; Fax: (510) 273-3916
 - Acute Communicable Disease
 - Business hours (8:30AM-5PM) Phone: (510) 267-3250; Fax: (510) 273-3744
 - After hours Phone: (925) 422-7595; Fax: (510) 273-3744
- **Complete Confidential Morbidity Reports (CMRs)** using [Alameda County disease reporting forms](#)
- **Provide required information to laboratories**
- **Contact staff** at the numbers above with any questions about changes made to reporting requirements, or for consultations on reportable or previously reportable diseases.
 - Chlamydia is no longer reportable by clinicians, but clinicians may still contact ACPHD STD Control and Prevention for assistance with results notification and partner treatment, as needed.

Changes to List of Reportable Conditions

- The following conditions have been **removed** and are no longer required to be reported to the local health department:
 - Amebiasis
 - *Chlamydia trachomatis* infections*, including lymphogranuloma venereum (LGV)
 - Streptococcal Infections (Outbreaks of Any Type and Individual Cases in Food Handlers and Dairy Workers Only)

* Will continue to be reported by laboratories. See also "Actions Requested of Clinicians" regarding assistance with chlamydia

- The following conditions have been **added** and are now required to be reported to the local health department:
 - Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infection, any stage - report within seven (7) calendar days
 - Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) - report immediately by telephone
 - Paratyphoid Fever - report within one working day
- The following conditions have been **reworded** for clarity:
 - Hepatitis B (specify acute case or chronic) reworded to Hepatitis B (specify acute, chronic, or perinatal)
 - Hepatitis C (specify acute case or chronic) reworded to Hepatitis C (specify acute, chronic, or perinatal)
 - Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infection, stage 3 (AIDS) reworded to Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infection, progression to stage 3 (AIDS)
 - Influenza, novel strains (human) reworded to Influenza due to novel strains (human)
 - Respiratory syncytial virus (only report a death in a patient less than five years of age) reworded to Respiratory syncytial virus-associated deaths in laboratory-confirmed cases less than five years of age
 - Syphilis reworded to Syphilis (all stages, including congenital)
- The following conditions have a **change in timeframe** for reporting requirement:
 - Dengue virus, Yellow Fever, & Zika virus infections are now required to be reported within one working day of identification (previously immediately reportable)
 - *Escherichia coli*: Shiga toxin-producing (STEC) including E. coli O157 now required to be reported within one working day of identification (previously immediately reportable)
 - Influenza-associated deaths in laboratory confirmed cases now only reportable in persons less than 18 years of age (previously ages 0-64)

Changes to Content of Reports

- The following changes have been made to what information must be reported:
 - Sex changed to gender
 - Pregnancy status now required to be reported (if known)
 - Complications of gonorrhea or chlamydia infections no longer included

Changes to Definitions

- Several of the definitions of Section 2500 have been updated. These include the definition for Case, Drug susceptibility testing, Epidemiologically linked case, Foodborne disease, Foodborne disease outbreak, Laboratory findings, Outbreak, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Suspected case, and Waterborne disease outbreak.

Changes to information that laboratories must report

- All test requisitions must now include pregnancy status and patient address
- All laboratory reports must now include specimen site, diagnosis code, and pregnancy status
- Age is no longer required; instead laboratory reports must contain date of birth

Resources

- [ACPHD Reportable Diseases Grid](#)
- [ACPHD Disease Reporting and Control Website](#)
- [Alameda County disease reporting forms](#)
- [CDPH disease reporting website](#)
- [California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Section 2500](#)