



Prioritization of COVID-19 CMR Reporting

The increase of COVID-19 cases in Alameda County caused by the Omicron variant of SARS-CoV-2 is creating a substantial burden on communities, health care systems, and providers. Alameda County is closely monitoring the situation. Submission of Confidential Morbidity Reports (CMRs) for COVID-19 cases is required by state regulation but may be challenging during periods of high case volume. Laboratory reporting of SARS-CoV-2 infections provides an important additional measure of the epidemic, but case information contained in laboratory reports is limited. When case numbers are very high and reporting systems are strained, certain cases should be prioritized for CMR reporting to ensure outcomes are tracked.

Until further notice, clinical providers in Alameda County should prioritize submission of CMRs for patients with COVID-19 that have been hospitalized or have died. CMRs for other COVID cases should continue to be submitted as capacity allows. Multi-System Inflammatory Syndromes in Children (MIS-C) is required to be reported separately, and should continue to be prioritized for CMR submission. Laboratories must continue to report positive and negative results via Electronic Laboratory Reporting (ELR) or by fax.

ACTIONS REQUESTED OF CLINICIANS:

1. Prioritize CMR submission for COVID-19 cases in people that have been hospitalized or died.

- **Cases diagnosed in emergency room visits that do not result in hospitalization do not require prioritization for CMR submission.**
- **Other COVID-19 cases should be reported by CMR as capacity allows.**

2. Continue to submit CMRs for MIS-C and all non-COVID-19 Title 17 reportable conditions.

Additional Resources

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/CDPH%20Document%20Library/ControlledForms/cdph110d.pdf>

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OPA/Pages/Communications-Toolkits/MIS-C.aspx>

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