

Revised Mandate: Report COVID-19 Hospitalizations, Deaths, and Outbreaks February 14, 2022

Both health care providers (HCPs) and laboratories are required to report cases of COVID-19 pursuant to provisions of Title 17, California Code of Regulations sections 2500 and 2505. The State Health Officer released temporary modifications on February 10, 2022.

State Public Health Officer Order

1. California Code of Regulations, title 17, sections 2500(b) and 2500(j) are temporarily modified to eliminate the requirements for health care providers to report COVID-19 cases, except as follows:
 - a. Within one working day of identification of hospitalization and/or death of a patient due to COVID-19, health care providers shall report this information.
 - b. The reporting of hospitalizations and deaths by healthcare providers required by subparagraph a. is in addition to weekly reporting of hospitalized COVID-19 cases by hospitals as required under AFL 21-25.[\[3\]](#)
 - c. Health care providers conducting point of care testing must still report test results consistent with the requirements for laboratories.[\[4\]](#)
2. California Code of Regulations, title 17, sections 2505(a)(3) and (e)(1) are temporarily modified to allow for laboratories to report COVID-19 results within 24 hours from the time the laboratory notifies the health care provider or other person authorized to receive the report.

Reporting Hospitalizations and Deaths to Sacramento County Public Health (SCPH)

1. **Complete** a confidential morbidity report (CMR) form or electronically via CalREDIE Provider Portal for all hospitalizations and/or deaths. See [Reporting COVID-19 Hospitalizations, Deaths, and Positive Tests](#).
Note that hospitalized COVID-19 case reporting should include those who:
 - Test positive for COVID-19 (via PCR, antigen, or sequencing).
 - Have acute symptoms consistent with COVID-19 requiring hospitalization
 - Admitted for at least 24 hours (not emergency department or outpatient visits only)
2. **Provide** medical records for all hospitalizations and/or deaths (e.g. admit note, history and physical, progress notes, discharge note/death summary).

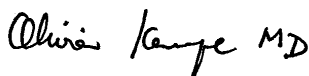
Outbreak Reporting

Acute care hospitals, long-term care facilities, and long-term acute care hospitals are still required to report outbreaks to SCPH. See [CDPH AFL 20-75.1](#) for thresholds and outbreak definitions.

Resources:

1. State Public Health Officer Order of February 10th, 2022 (CDPH):
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Order-of-the-State-Public-Health-Officer-Revision-of-Mandatory-Reporting-of-Covid-19-Results-by-Health-Care-Providers.aspx>
2. Reporting COVID-19 Hospitalizations, Deaths, and Positive Tests (SCPH): <https://dhs.saccounty.gov/PUB/Documents/AZ-Health-Info/ME-ReportingCOVID19HospitalizationsAndDeaths20210924.pdf>
3. Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Outbreak Investigation and Reporting Thresholds (CDPH ALF 20-75.1):
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-20-75.aspx>

Sincerely,



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