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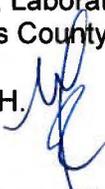
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March 24, 2020

TO: All Healthcare Providers, Laboratory Directors, and Other Mandated Reporters in Los Angeles County

FROM: Muntu Davis, M.D., M.P.H.
County Health Officer 

SUBJECT: HEALTH OFFICER ORDER – UPDATED COVID-19 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

On March 9, 2020, the California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Sections 2500 and 2505, were amended to add Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and the SARS-CoV-2 virus to the list of reportable diseases in California. Prior to that, on March 5, 2020, by order of the County of Los Angeles Health Officer, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (“Public Health”) had required reporting of COVID-19 and SARS-CoV-2 in Los Angeles County.

Effective March 24, 2020, by the authority of the Health Officer, Public Health is immediately requiring that all healthcare providers, laboratory directors, and other mandated reporters in Los Angeles County follow all reporting requirements that are specified in this Order. These requirements are being instituted to improve Public Health’s capacity to quickly identify, assess, and conduct follow-up regarding potential cases of COVID-19, which is critical to efforts to slow transmission.

ORDER: Pursuant to my authority under section 120175 of the California Health and Safety Code, I hereby order the following:

All reporting laboratories shall:

- Report SARS-CoV-2 virus positive and non-positive test results (e.g., not detected, inconclusive, and specimen unsatisfactory) to Public Health, via electronic transmission.

All reporting laboratories that are not reporting electronically shall:

- Register with the California Department of Public Health HIE Gateway and complete the enrollment process for Infectious Disease Electronic Laboratory Reporting within 1 week of receipt of this Order.
- Initiate Electronic Laboratory Reporting immediately upon completion of the onboarding process.

All hospitals shall:

- Designate a liaison with their facility to coordinate and communicate with Public Health daily regarding COVID-19.
- Provide to Public Health, a line list for all patients admitted to the hospital due to a COVID-19 diagnosis, which includes the following elements: (1) Date of Admission, (2) Whether the Patient is Intubated (Yes/No), (3) Whether the Patient is in the Intensive Care Unit (Yes/No), (4) Date of Disposition, and (5) Type of Disposition (e.g., discharge, transfer to another facility, or death).
- Report all COVID-19 related deaths to Public Health immediately (within 1 hour).

All mandated reporters shall:

- Report all positive test results for COVID-19 and SARS-CoV-2 virus to Public Health within 1 day via facsimile (fax) submission of the Public Health "Notification Form Medical Provider of COVID-19 Laboratory Results." Submission of the following demographic and patient information is required, for all positive test results: "All patient information elements listed on Public Health's 'Notification Form Medical Provider of COVID-19 Laboratory Results,' if known to the reporter, including, but not limited to patient name, patient address, patient phone number, and patient email address."

DURATION OF ORDER: This Order will remain in effect until rescinded by the Health Officer.

RESOURCES:

- **Notification Form Medical Provider of COVID-19 Laboratory Results:**
http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/Diseases/EpiForms/COVID19NotifFromMedProvResult_fillable.pdf
- **March 5, 2020 Health Officer Order - Addition of COVID-19 to the Reportable Diseases and Conditions List:** Attached
- **Reportable Diseases and Conditions List:**
<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/docs/ReportableDiseaseListMarch2020.pdf>
- **Reportable Conditions: Notification by Laboratories:**
<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/docs/LabListMarch2020.pdf>