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**UPDATE: COVID-19 Public Health Reporting Waiver in Contra Costa County**

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, in California, **all** three of the following COVID-19 reporting mechanisms to the Local Public Health department exist and are written into California State regulations.

Please review the three reporting summary sections (Laboratory, Health Provider and Facility Reporting) along with the reporting tables below to see what reporting methods have been fully or partially waived.

To align with the current California State Public Health Officer Order (Revision of Mandatory Reporting of COVID-19 Results By Health Care Providers issued February 10, 2022) the local ‘Public Health Reporting Waiver During Times of Surge in Contra Costa County’ has been extended until the State Public Health Officer Order is rescinded.

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(1) **Laboratory* Reporting** *(17 CCR § 2505)*

*Laboratory* means laboratory facilities and many other types of facilities performing Point of Care Testing (POCT) – including residential care facilities, schools, employers, etc.

**Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) Test Results**

a. Any laboratory approved to test for SARS-CoV-2 must report all positive and non-positive (negative, indeterminate, and specimen unsatisfactory) results from diagnostic tests (molecular and antigen) and serology (antibody) tests for SARS-CoV-2 within eight hours from the time the laboratory notifies the health care provider or other person authorized to receive the report.

b. Laboratories shall transmit these reports via electronic laboratory reporting (ELR) to the state electronic reporting system (CalREDIE) or via an electronic reporting system that is linked to the state electronic reporting system. Reporting of lab results via fax or email does not meet the requirement.

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| All “laboratories” includes any facility that is performing Point of Care Testing (POCT) like residential care facilities, schools, employers, etc. | • Electronic laboratory reporting (ELR) to the state electronic reporting system (CalREDIE) OR • Electronic reporting system that is linked to CalREDIE | • Electronic Laboratory Reporting (ELR) system:  
  o Please visit the CalREDIE ELR webpage  
  o Email Onboarding team at: CalREDIE_Onboarding@cdph.ca.gov  
  o Register at the CDPH HIE Gateway  
  • Manual Lab Reporting Module (MLRM):  
    o Please contact CalREDIE Help with any questions.  
      ▪ CalREDIE Help Desk  
      ▪ CalREDIEHelp@cdph.ca.gov  
      ▪ 866-866-1428  
    o Manual Lab Reporting Account Request Form – this is the link to the online form that must be completed by Manual Lab Reporting users  
    o CalREDIE Manual Lab Reporting Module – this one-page document describes the reporting requirements for antigen test results. It can be | NONE   |
| | shared with any entity performing these tests.  
| | • Manual Lab Reporting Quick Start Guide - this document walks the user through how to use the Manual Lab Reporting Module. |
(2) **Health Provider* Reporting (17 CCR § 2500)**

*‘Health care provider’ means a physician, a veterinarian, a podiatrist, a nurse practitioner, a physician assistant, a registered nurse, a nurse midwife, a school nurse, an infection control practitioner, a medical examiner, a coroner, or a dentist.

- **COVID-19 Cases** (Coronavirus Disease 2019), AND
- **COVID-19 Outbreaks – OUTBREAKS OF ANY DISEASE**

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| Acute Care Hospitals                   | • COVID-19 Hospitalization Line List (REQUIRED locally for Hospitals in Contra Costa County) OR  
• Confidential Morbidity Report (CMR) form - Disease specific CMRs are posted [here](https://cchealth.org/cd/disease-reporting.php) | COVID-19 Hospitalization Line List are delivered daily as an electronic file from the Hospital/Healthcare System Electronic Health Record (EHR) teams | PARTIAL WAIVER ONLY hospitalizations and deaths via COVID-19 Hospitalization Line List  
[CDPH Revision Of Mandatory Reporting Of Covid-19 Results By Health Care Providers](https://cchealth.org/cd/reporting.php) |
| Outpatient Healthcare Facilities      | • CalREDIE Provider Portal (PP) account (Request CalREDIE PP account [here](https://calrediehelp.powerappsportals.us/), OR  
• Confidential Morbidity Report (CMR) form (Disease specific CMRs are posted [here](https://cchealth.org/cd/disease-reporting.php)) | Facilities licensed by Dept of Public Health | FULL WAIVER |
May submit initial report via  
‘Residential Care Facilities Intake Form’ versus SPOT (information is available online at: [https://cchealth.org/covid19/clf/](https://cchealth.org/covid19/clf/)) |
| Schools                                | SPOT (Shared Portal for Outbreak Tracking) portal - [https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/case-reporting](https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/case-reporting) | The duty of a school nurse or anyone in charge of (17 CCR §2508 and 17 CCR §2508) | FULL WAIVER  
Temporary pause on reporting of individual cases; however, |
outbreaks (in classrooms, sports, etc.) are still reportable marked appropriately as an outbreak in SPOT. Outbreaks, 3 or more cases that are epi-linked within 14 days. Outbreaks should be reported within 7 days.

Schools who are unable to report outbreaks can report each case that was on campus while infectious. These cases should be reported using SPOT within 72 hours.

**COVID-19 OUTBREAKS – Health Provider Reporting**

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| Licensed Health Facilities | SPOT (Shared Portal for Outbreak Tracking) portal - https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/case-reporting | All Facilities Letter 20.75 'Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Outbreak Investigation and Reporting Thresholds' [https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-20-75.aspx](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-20-75.aspx) - Acute Care Hospitals - Long-Term Care Facilities | PARTIAL WAIVER

(1) Acute Care Hospitals: Can submit reports via SharePoint vs SPOT (upon request sent to covid.business.tracing@cchealth.org)

(2) Residential Healthcare Facilities (including Long-Term Care Facilities): May submit initial report via 'Residential Care Facilities Intake Form' versus SPOT (information is available online at: [https://cchealth.org/covid19/clf/](https://cchealth.org/covid19/clf/))
| **Schools** | **SPOT (Shared Portal for Outbreak Tracking) portal:** [https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/case-reporting](https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/case-reporting) | **The duty of a school nurse or anyone in charge of (17 CCR §2508 and CCR §2500) a public or private school, kindergarten, boarding school, or day nursery.**


- non-residential congregate settings – (K-12 schools and colleges/universities) and
- residential congregate settings (dormitories) | **PARTIAL WAIVER**

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Outbreaks (in classrooms, sports, etc.) are still reportable in SPOT but must be marked appropriately in the ‘Reason for Report’ section as “Outbreak”.

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(3) **Facility Reporting**

**(3a) Department of Social Services (DSS) Licensed Facility* Reporting**

*Childcare and residential community care facilities

- COVID-19 Outbreaks – OUTBREAKS OF ANY DISEASE

**OR**

**(3b) Employer Cal-OSHA Reporting (8 CCR § 3205 - COVID-19 Prevention)**

- COVID-19 Cases and
- COVID-19 Outbreaks

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| Child Care Facilities | SPOT (Shared Portal for Outbreak Tracking) portal – https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/case-reporting | Child Care Facilities (licensed by the Dept of Social Services) - [COVID Guidance for Child Care Providers and Programs](https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/covid19)  
- Child Care Centers ([22 CCR § 101212(d)](https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/covid19)) – required to report epidemic outbreaks  
- Family Day Care Homes for Children ([22 CCR § 102416.2©(3)](https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/covid19)) – must report a communicable disease outbreak | NO WAIVER |
Which includes the following facilities but not limited to these:  
- Adult Day Programs ([22 CCR § 82061](https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/covid19))  
- Small Family Homes ([22 CCR § 83061](https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/covid19))  
- Group Homes ([22 CCR § 84061](https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/covid19))  
- Adult Residential Facilities ([22 CCR § 85061](https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/covid19))  
- Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFE) ([22 CCR § 87211](https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/covid19))  
- Residential Care Facilities for the Chronically Ill ([22 CCR § 87861](https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/covid19)) | PARTIAL WAIVER  
Residential Community Care Facilities: May submit initial report via ‘Residential Care Facilities Intake Form’ versus SPOT (information is available online at: [https://cchealth.org/covid19/clf/](https://cchealth.org/covid19/clf/)) |
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| Employers       | SPOT (Shared Portal for Outbreak Tracking) portal – [https://www.covavirus.cchealth.org/case-reporting](https://www.covavirus.cchealth.org/case-reporting) | The employer shall report information about: both COVID-19 Cases and COVID-19 Outbreaks ([8 CCR § 3205 - COVID-19 Prevention](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/OutbreakDefinitionandReportingGuidance.aspx)) at the workplace to the local health department whenever required by law, and shall provide any related information requested by the local health department. Outbreak reporting definitions: [https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/OutbreakDefinitionandReportingGuidance.aspx](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/OutbreakDefinitionandReportingGuidance.aspx)  
   - **Non-Healthcare Congregate Facilities**  
     1. **Non-Residential Facilities** (including: workplace, childcare, schools, colleges, etc.)  
     2. **Residential Facilities** (including: jails, shelters, dormitories, group homes, camps, etc.)  
   - **Licensed Health Facilities** (see Health Provider Reporting – Outbreak section above)  
   - Unredacted information on COVID-19 cases must be provided to the local health department, Cal/OSHA, the Department of Public Health and the National Institute for | **PARTIAL WAIVER** Can submit reports via SharePoint vs SPOT (upon request sent to covid.business.tracing@cchealth.org) |
| | Occupational Safety and Health immediately upon request.  
• Recording and tracking all COVID-19 cases with the employee's name, contact information, occupation, location where the employee worked, the date of the last day at the workplace, and the date of a positive COVID-19 test. |
REFERENCES:

Laboratory Reporting:
1) Letter to Laboratories Regarding COVID-19 Testing and Reporting (CDPH, August 2020)
   https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OSPHLD/LFS/Pages/LFSCOVID19ltr-1.aspx
2) Letter to Laboratories: Title 17 Changes (CDPH, July 2020)
   https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OSPHLD/LFS/Pages/Letter-to-Laboratories-Title-17-Changes.aspx
3) Reportable Disease & Conditions: Notification by Laboratories (CDPH, March 2020)
   https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/LabReportableDiseases.pdf
4) Directing all Laboratories Conducting COVID-19 Diagnostic Tests to Report COVID-19 Test Information to Local and State Public Health Authorities (Contra Costa County Health Order, September 2020)

Health Provider Reporting
1) Reportable Disease & Conditions: Reporting to the Local Health Authority
2) Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Outbreak Investigation and Reporting Thresholds – All Licensed Health Facilities (All Facilities Letter 20.75)
   https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-20-75.aspx
3) Non-Healthcare Congregate Facilities COVID-19 Outbreak Definitions and Reporting (includes Schools)
   https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/OutbreakDefinitionandReportingGuidance.aspx
4) HIPAA Privacy Rule and Public Health: Guidance from CDC and the US Department of Health and Human Service (CDC MMWR, 2003)

Facility Reporting
1) COVID-19 Guidance for Child Care Providers and Programs
   https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Child-Care-Guidance.aspx
2) Community Care Facilities Reporting Requirements
   https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Child-Care-Guidance.aspx
   https://www.dir.ca.gov/title8/3205.html
4) Occupational Safety and Health – Labor Code: COVID-19 Requirements