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10.2.1: PUBLIC HEALTH DISEASE REPORTING POLICY	Attachments: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

I. POLICY

California Correctional Health Care Services (CCHCS) health care providers in California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) institutions shall report public health diseases to the Local Health Officer (LHO) and to the CCHCS Public Health Branch (PHB).

CCHCS health care providers at each institution shall comply with state regulations and requirements related to reporting diseases, including timeliness and the mechanisms required for reports. Reportable diseases shall be reported to the LHO for the county in which the patient is housed at the time of the diagnosis of the reportable disease.

Outbreaks and diseases of public health significance shall be reported to the CCHCS PHB. The following must be reported to the PHB:

- Outbreaks of any reportable communicable disease;
- Outbreaks or individual cases of diseases of public health significance (e.g., chickenpox or acute hepatitis cases) that require investigation because they pose a risk of infection to patients or staff or because they may be sentinel events heralding outbreaks;
- Tuberculosis suspect and confirmed cases; and
- Additional diseases or conditions by request of the PHB.

Failure to report diseases as mandated by state regulations is a misdemeanor and is a citable offense under the Department of Consumer Affairs, Medical Board of California, Citation and Fine Program.

II. PURPOSE

To ensure that CDCR patients receive appropriate access to services for diseases of public health significance.

III. DEFINITIONS

Health Care Provider: A Medical Doctor, Doctor of Osteopathy, Doctor of Podiatric Medicine, Clinical Psychologist, Marriage and Family Therapist, Dentist, Clinical Social Worker, Nurse Practitioner, or Physician Assistant.

Local Health Officer: Any one of the 61 legally appointed physician health officers in California, one for each of the 58 counties and three cities of Berkeley, Long Beach, and Pasadena.

Reportable Disease: A disease or condition that is mandated by law to be reported to the LHO for the jurisdiction in which a patient resides.

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IV. RESPONSIBILITIES

The Chief Executive Officer or designee of each institution is responsible for the implementation, monitoring, and the evaluation of this policy.

V. REFERENCES

- California Health & Safety Code, Division 105, Part 1, Chapter 2, Section 120130, Division 105, Part 1, Chapter 4, Section 120295, and Division 105, Part 5, Chapter 1, Sections 121361–121375.
- California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Division 13, Article 6, Sections 1364.10–1364.11.
- California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Division 1, Chapter 4, Sub Chapter 1, Article 1, Sections 2500 and 2641.5–2643.20.
- California Department of Public Health, “Title 17, California Code of Regulations (CCR) §2500, §2593, §2641.5-2643.20, and §2800-2812 Reportable Diseases and Conditions” Retrieved from:
https://www.cdph.ca.gov/HealthInfo/Documents/Reportable_Diseases_Conditions.pdf.
- California Department of Public Health/California Tuberculosis Controllers Association Joint Guidelines, “Guidelines for Coordination of TB Prevention and Control by Local and State Health Departments and California Correctional Health Care Services.”