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PROVIDER ALERT: Pesticide Illness Reporting **January 10, 2020**

Required Reporting

The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) would like to remind all health-care providers that under California law, any *known or suspected* pesticide-related illness or injury **must be reported within 24 hours to the Local Health Officer (LHO)**. Timely reporting on your part allows the County Agricultural Commissioner to initiate the prompt investigation that is required for all reported cases. Reporting pesticide-related illness cases is an essential step towards prevention of future cases.

How to Report

Reporting a pesticide illness must be done using **one** of the following methods.

1. Calling the **California Poison Control System** at 1-800-411-8080. The majority of cases are reported in this manner.
2. Calling the **local health department** of your jurisdiction.
3. Electronic reporting via the **CaREDIE Provider Portal** using the Pesticide Illness Reporting module.
4. Submitting a [Confidential Morbidity Report](#) form or a [Pesticide Illness Reporting](#) form to the LHO.

Workers Compensation Cases

All Workers Compensation cases that involve pesticide exposure **must be reported within 24 hours to the LHO** using one of the above methods. Only filing a Doctor's First Report of Occupational Injury or Illness does not fulfill the reporting requirement for a pesticide-related illness or injury.

For more information, please do not hesitate to contact us by phone (510-622-3170) or email (pesticides@oehha.ca.gov) or visit our webpage at <https://oehha.ca.gov/pesticides/pesticide-illness-surveillance-pesticide-illness-reporting>.

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PESTICIDE-RELATED ILLNESS REPORTING

FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

WHO SHOULD REPORT

Physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners and their representatives

WHEN TO REPORT

Within 24 hours

WHAT TO REPORT

- Initial examination, diagnostics and treatment of affected person
- Exposure details, including county of exposure
- Health care provider or facility contact information
- Information about the person (age, sex, pre-existing conditions, etc.)

HOW TO REPORT (4 OPTIONS)

1. Call the local health officer of designated county

For list of phone numbers see

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/cclho/pages/cclhohealthofficerdirectory.aspx>

2. Fax or mail a report to local health officer

You may use one of the following forms:

PIR: Pesticide Illness Report of Known or Suspected Pesticide Related Illness

CMR: Confidential Morbidity Report

DFR: Doctor's First Report of Occupational Injury or Illness

3. Call California Poison Control System at 1-800-411-8080

For requesting help with pesticide toxicology information and medical management.

Center staff who can provide help with pesticide toxicology information and medical management will also offer to report on your behalf to local health officer.

4. Report electronically via the CalREDIE Provider Portal

If you are interested in using the Provider Portal, please contact your local health department to sign up for an account and for more information.

WHY REPORT

- Initiates county and state field investigations
- Identifies problem pesticides
- Satisfies requirement of California law

CONFIDENTIALITY

Reporting of pesticide illness does not violate HIPAA or state laws

PROVIDER TRAINING RESOURCES

- On-line course on the Recognition, Management and Reporting of Pesticide Illnesses. Visit <https://mededpesticide.org/>
- One-hour on-site presentations on pesticide illness recognition, diagnosis, and reporting

TO ARRANGE A PRESENTATION AT YOUR WORKSITE, CONTACT OEHA AT pesticides@oehha.ca.gov OR (510) 622-3170

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