

County of Santa Clara Public Health Department



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Date: September 19, 2022

Re: Changes to COVID-19 Case Reporting

To: All Hospital CEOs in Santa Clara County:

This letter is to inform you of key changes to the County of Santa Clara Public Health Department's COVID-19 Case Report Form (CRF), which has been required for submission by healthcare providers upon identification of a COVID-19 case in certain settings. Effective immediately, **you are NO LONGER REQUIRED to submit the COVID-19 Case Report Form** for local compliance with Title 17, SS 2501 reporting of COVID-19 cases. You may cease submission effective immediately, and there is no need to respond to any outstanding requests for CRFs if you have not yet replied.

However, we reserve the right to require that you resume this reporting *within 2 business days* of receiving written notification to your designated point of contact for reporting compliance. **Please provide an updated point of contact for your hospital to oversee and ensure compliance should we need to resume requirement for CRF submission in the future. That individual's name and contact information should be sent by email to Fannie Rackover at Fannie.Rackover@phd.sccgov.org by end of day on September 20, 2022.**

Should we resume request for these data in the future, it will be collected pursuant to the authority of the Health Officer under Health and Safety Code section 120175 (authorizing the local health officer to "take measures as may be necessary to prevent the spread of the disease or occurrence of additional cases") and California Code of Regulations, title 17, section 2501, subd. (a) (authorizing the local health officer "take whatever steps deemed necessary for the investigation and control of the disease"). If you have any questions about the potential need to resume this reporting requirement, please direct them to **Fannie Rackover** at the email address above.

Thank you for your continued cooperation with the Public Health Department's efforts to understand and control the spread of COVID-19 in Santa Clara County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah L. Rudman".

Sarah L. Rudman, MD MPH
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