



County of Santa Clara

Public Health Department

Communicable Disease Prevention & Control
150 W Tasman Drive, Suite 1A
San José, CA 95134
408.885.4214 | 408.885.4249 fax
www.sccphd.org

December 1, 2023

Dear Healthcare Providers, Hospital Infection Preventionists, and Laboratories,

California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Section 2500 and Section 2505, require health care providers, laboratories, and other parties to report to the Local Health Officer certain diseases, conditions, and outbreaks. In September 2022, changes were made to reporting requirements for carbapenemase producing organisms (laboratories only) and *Candida auris* (providers and laboratories). In June 2023, changes were made to influenza and RSV laboratory reporting requirements. **As of the date of this letter, the County of Santa Clara Public Health Department will no longer have any additional local provider reporting requirements for influenza or carbapenem resistant organisms.**

This letter summarizes current Title 17 reporting requirements for both providers and laboratories for influenza, RSV, *Candida auris*, and carbapenemase producing organisms.

For Providers

Report immediately by telephone:

- Influenza due to novel strains
- Influenza outbreaks: occurring in high-risk settings (e.g. health care facilities, long term care facilities, correctional facilities, shelters) with at least one case of laboratory-confirmed influenza in the setting of a cluster (≥ 2 cases) of influenza-like illness (ILI)¹ within a 72-hour period.
- Non-Influenza respiratory outbreaks, including respiratory syncytial virus (RSV): occurring in high-risk settings (e.g. health care facilities, long term care facilities, correctional facilities, shelters) with at least one case of a laboratory-confirmed respiratory pathogen, other than influenza, in the setting of a cluster (≥ 2 cases) of acute respiratory illness (ARI)² within a 72-hour period.

Report by telephone within one working day of identification:

- *Candida auris*, colonization or infection

Report by electronic transmission (including FAX), telephone, or mail within seven calendar days:

- Influenza-associated deaths in laboratory-confirmed cases less than 18 years of age

¹ILI is defined as fever ($\geq 100^{\circ}\text{F}/37.8^{\circ}\text{C}$) plus cough and/or sore throat, in the absence of a known cause other than influenza.

²ARI is defined as illness characterized by any two of the following: fever, cough, rhinorrhea (runny nose) or nasal congestion, sore throat, or muscle aches.

- RSV-associated deaths in laboratory-confirmed cases less than 5 years of age

A [Confidential Morbidity Report \(CMR\)](#) should be completed for all reportable cases. CMRs may be submitted via [CalREDIE](#) or fax (408-885-3709). Outbreaks must be reported to the Communicable Disease program by phone: 408-885-4214, option 3, ask to speak with the nurse of the day.

For Laboratories

List of reportable results:

- Influenza due to novel strains, by telephone within one hour and electronically to the CalREDIE system within one working day of the initial report
- All positive and non-positive test results for influenza virus A & B and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), electronically to the CalREDIE system within 24 hours of the initial report
- Carbapenemase-producing organism, colonization or infection results, electronically to the CalREDIE system within one working day of the initial report
- *Candida auris*, colonization or infection results, electronically to the CalREDIE system within one working day of the initial report

For laboratories, isolate and specimen submissions:

- *Candida auris* fungal isolates from sterile sites to the County of Santa Clara Public Health Laboratory within 10 working days from the date the specimen was collected.

Please note that all carbapenem resistant Enterobacterales (CRE), *Acinetobacter baumannii* (CRAB), and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (CRPA) should be tested for carbapenemase production. If testing is not done, or is unavailable, then all carbapenem resistant isolates should be forwarded to the County of Santa Clara Public Health Laboratory for carbapenemase testing.

In addition, the Public Health Department requests that all isolates from carbapenemase-producing organisms, all CRAB and CRPA isolates, and all pan-non susceptible CRE isolates be submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for additional testing.

For additional questions, training, or information, please see our provider website at <https://publichealthproviders.sccgov.org/> or contact us at 408-885-4214.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

ACB71D9D1EFC4C0...

Monika Roy, MD MS
Assistant Public Health Officer
Communicable Disease Controller
County of Santa Clara Public Health Department