Health Advisory: Updates to COVID-19 Reporting
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Situational Update

As of March 2022, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) no longer recommended universal case investigation and contact tracing for COVID-19. Following CDC and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Sacramento County Public Health (SCPH) has prioritized investigation of high-risk settings and groups. As hospitalizations and deaths continue to decline each respiratory season, SCPH is updating healthcare provider reporting requirements as follows.

Actions Requested of Health Care Systems and Clinicians:

1. **Report** electronically to SCPH – via CalREDIE or confidential fax at (916) 854-9709 – the following laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases:
   - *Intensive care unit (ICU)* cases of **all ages**
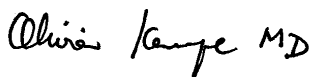   - *Deaths* of **all ages**
   - *Outbreaks*

   Medical records (e.g., admission notes, laboratory results, discharge summary, vaccination information) for **all** ICU and fatal cases should be uploaded into the CalREDIE filing cabinet or sent via confidential fax to (916) 854-9709.

2. **Implement** infection control precautions as appropriate.

3. **Treat** with antiviral medications as appropriate.

4. **Ensure** ill health care workers remain home until the employee has met return to work criteria.

Resources:
1. Prioritizing Case Investigation and Contact Tracing for COVID-19 (CDC): https://archive.cdc.gov/#/details?url=https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/contact-tracing/contact-tracing-plan/prioritization.html
2. Shifting Public Health Case Investigation, Contact Tracing, and Outbreak Investigation Priorities (CDPH): https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Case-Investigation-Contact-Tracing-Outbreak-Investigation-Priorities.aspx
3. COVID Data Tracker (CDC): https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#datatracker-home
4. Infection Control Guidance: SARS-CoV-2 (CDC): https://www.cdc.gov/covid/hcp/infection-control/index.html
5. Clinical Course: Progression, Management, and Treatment (CDC): https://www.cdc.gov/covid/hcp/clinical-care/management-and-treatment.html

Sincerely,

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