



**ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
DIRECTING ALL HEALTH CARE FACILITIES IN SACRAMENTO COUNTY
TO SUBMIT A COMPLETED HEALTH CARE FACILITY TRANSFER FORM TO
THE RECEIVING FACILITY WHEN TRANSFERRING PATIENTS BETWEEN
FACILITIES**

DATE OF ORDER: January 23, 2023

BACKGROUND

Infection control is essential for health care facility operations. Health care facilities implement measures to limit the spread of infections in their facilities and the introduction of certain infectious organisms, such as multidrug-resistant organisms (MDRO), can have detrimental outcomes, including outbreaks, serious illness, and even death.

Facilities receiving patients known to have specific infections can implement extra precautions to limit the spread of infection to others if they are notified of the infection(s). In recent months, several patients with known MDRO infections have been transferred between facilities in Sacramento County without notification of known infections. Doing so puts the receiving facility at unnecessary risk for outbreaks and jeopardizes the health of their patients.

ORDER

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101040, 101085, 120175, AND 120220 AND CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 17, SECTIONS 2500 and 2505, THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ("HEALTH OFFICER") HEREBY ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

For all transfers of patients between health care facilities in Sacramento County, the transferring health care facility must submit a completed Health Care Facility Transfer Form (<https://dhs.saccounty.gov/PUB/Documents/Communicable-Disease-Control/FM-HealthCareFacilityTransferFormFillable.pdf>) to the receiving facility prior to or at the time of the transfer.

DURATION OF ORDER

This Order shall remain in effect until rescinded by the Health Officer.

IT IS SO ORDERED:



Olivia Kasirye, MD, MS
Health Officer of the County of Sacramento

Dated: January 23, 2023