



SAN MATEO COUNTY HEALTH SYSTEM

Reporting to the Health Department

The California Code of Regulations (CCR) Section 2500, mandates that every health care provider knowing of any reportable disease listed in Sections 2641-2643, report such a disease the local health department in the jurisdiction where the affected person resides. Where no health care provide is available, ANY individual having knowledge of a person who is suspected to have one of the reportable diseases listed in Sections 2641-2643 can make a report to the local health department. Additionally, CCR Section 2500 requires that administrators of health care facilities ensure that procedures are in place to assure that such reports are made in a timely manner.

There are some disease and conditions that require urgent reporting. The diseases are located on the Confidential Morbidity Report (CMR) (attached in this section), and include:

- Anthrax
- Avian Influenza
- Botulism (Infant, Foodborne, Wound)
- Brucellosis
- Cholera
- Ciguatera fish poisoning
- Dengue
- Diarrhea of newborns, outbreak
- Diphtheria
- Domoic Acid poisoning
- E. coli: shiga toxin producing (STEC) including E.Coli 0157:H7
- Hantavirus infection
- Hemolytic Uremic syndrome
- Meningococcal infection
- Paralytic shellfish poisoning
- Plague, human or animal
- Rabies, human or animal
- Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)
- Scombroid fish poisoning
- Shiga toxin (detected in feces)
- Smallpox
- Tularemia
- Varicella (deaths only)
- Viral hemorrhagic fevers
- Yellow fever
- OCCURANCE of any unusual disease*
- OUTBREAKS of any disease****

* Unusual disease means a rare disease or one of unknown etiology that is believed to be transmitted by an infectious agent.

** for the purposes of this section on reporting, an outbreak is defined as two or more persons with similar onset atypical symptoms from their baseline, OR onset symptoms consistent with a known disease within 72 hours of each other.

Website Links:

Disease Reporting

<http://www.co.sanmateo.ca.us/portal/site/health/menuitem.f44138fe5f6ec63d74452b31d17332a0/?vgnextoid=b41506f14c44a210VgnVCM1000001937230aRCRD&cpsextcurchannel=1>

Public Health Disease Reporting Guidelines

<http://www.co.sanmateo.ca.us/portal/site/health/menuitem.f44138fe5f6ec63d74452b31d17332a0/?vgnextoid=949903508b0a0210VgnVCM1000001d37230aRCRD&cpsextcurchannel=1>