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 to the local health department in the jurisdiction where the affected person resides. Where no health care provider 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&cpsextcurrchannel=1

Public Health Disease Reporting Guidelines
http://www.co.sanmateo.ca.us/portal/site/health/menuitem.f44138fe5f6ec63d74452b31d17332a0/?vgnextoid=949903508b0a0210VgnVCM1000001d37230aRCRD&cpsextcurrchannel=1