



HEALTH ALERT NETWORK BROADCAST

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SUBJECT: **CORRECTION:** HAN Advisory - COVID Disease Reporting Required for all COVID Testing Facilities

RECIPIENTS: Local Public Health Agencies / IPs / Clinical Labs / EDs / ID Physicians / Coroners / Pharmacies

RECIPIENT INSTRUCTIONS: Local Public Health Agencies - please forward to healthcare providers.

**HEALTH ADVISORY** | COVID Disease Reporting Required for all COVID Testing Facilities | September 11, 2020

**Health care providers:** Please distribute widely in your office

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### Key points

- In accordance with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the COVID CARES Act, laboratories and other testing sites (including non-laboratory settings that are performing point of care testing) are required to report all COVID results (e.g. positive, negative and inconclusive) for all test types. Test types include: any PCR, other molecular assay, antigen and serology (IgM, IgG, IgA, and total antibody). These results must be submitted to CDPHE immediately or in one batch per day - 7 days a week.
- Various methods may be utilized to achieve reporting; they are described below.
- All reports must include all required data elements and meet CDPHE reporting standards.

### Background information

As of August 1, 2020, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services implemented new national requirements for COVID-19 testing; this guidance states that *laboratories and other testing sites* should make every reasonable effort to report the required and requested data elements described in the document linked below. In an effort to receive these data in the most efficient and effective manner, the Secretary is requiring that all data be reported through existing public health data reporting methods, described below. As a guiding principle, data should be sent to the state public health department (local public health departments may also request reports be sent to them) using existing reporting channels (in

accordance with state law or policies) to ensure rapid initiation of case investigations by those departments, concurrent to laboratory results being shared with an ordering provider, or patient, as applicable. COVID results are *immediately reportable*; therefore, results must be sent within 24 hours of the results being known or determined. All COVID test results must be reported (e.g. positive, negative and inconclusive).

Additionally, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services CARES Act states: All laboratories—including laboratories, testing locations operating as temporary overflow or remote locations for a laboratory, and other facilities or locations performing testing at point of care or with at-home specimen collection related to SARS-CoV-2 – shall report data for all testing completed, for each individual tested, within 24 hours of results being known or determined, on a daily basis to the appropriate state or local public health department based on the individual’s residence.

#### **METHODS FOR REPORTING:**

- **Comma-separated File (CSV).** If your facility runs more than 20 tests per week and can generate a CSV file, we prefer that you report both positives and negatives into our Electronic Laboratory Reporting (ELR) system using a standard CSV file. This will give us a more complete picture of COVID testing in Colorado, and allow us to use your facility’s data in the percent positivity data that helps local health departments in public health decisions. It also allows us to automatically process the results rather than hand enter them. Please contact [Andrew.Horvath@state.co.us](mailto:Andrew.Horvath@state.co.us) for additional information.
- If your facility runs fewer than 20 tests per week, please contact us to determine the most efficient reporting method at: [CDPHE\\_COVIDreporting@state.co.us](mailto:CDPHE_COVIDreporting@state.co.us)
- If you are a laboratory with HL7 capabilities, please contact [Andrew.Horvath@state.co.us](mailto:Andrew.Horvath@state.co.us) for additional information.

**For each test result, some of data elements that must be reported include:**

- Name of disease or condition
- Patient’s name
- Patient’s date of birth, sex, race, ethnicity
- Patient’s home address and phone number
- Healthcare provider’s name, address and phone number
- Laboratory information - Testing lab name, test name/type (PCR, IgM, etc), collection date, specimen type, result, and accession number

## More information

For additional information on COVID reporting requirements, please visit the following:

HHS Guidelines and websites:

<https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/covid-19-laboratory-data-reporting-guidance.pdf>

<https://www.hhs.gov/answers/is-additional-information-including-technical-specifications-available-to-support-laboratories-with-implementation/index.html>

CDC COVID reporting guidance:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/lab/reporting-lab-data.html>

Association of Public Health Laboratories reporting resources:

*Resources for providing technical assistance to help laboratories, public health departments, testing facilities, and manufacturers meet reporting requirements and enhance electronic exchange capabilities*

<https://www.aphl.org/programs/informatics/Pages/COVID-19-resources.aspx>

AMA news story: Physicians have role in the new COVID-19 lab reporting requirements

<https://www.ama-assn.org/delivering-care/public-health/physicians-have-role-new-covid-19-lab-reporting-requirements>

CDPHE reporting page:

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/report-a-disease>

COVID reporting form: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wGYB5aaExcA36XiX2uWqVYg1ylaxZTWa/view>

A list of Reportable Conditions in Colorado is also available here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/16H86FrKGjoK3nDaYBpfqbR9YrcFNs9Gq/view?usp=sharing>

If facilities have questions about meeting HHS/CMS requirements, please email: [eocevent405@cdc.gov](mailto:eocevent405@cdc.gov)