

County of Santa Clara Emergency Medical Services System



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To: All hospitals and healthcare facilities

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Subject: Notification to EMS DICO of any Infectious Disease

Authority: Health and Safety Code Sections 1797.188 (as amended by SB 432) and Title 17, California Code of Regulations, Section 2500 Reportable Disease and Conditions:
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB432
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/ReportableDiseases.pdf>

All hospitals and healthcare facilities must notify prehospital emergency medical care personnel who have provided emergency medical or rescue services, and who have been exposed to a person afflicted with a reportable disease or condition, that they have been exposed and should contact the county health officer under specified conditions.

In conjunction with the Public Health Department, the EMS agency is implementing a single point of contact for all healthcare facilities to report to regarding prehospital emergency medical care personnel. Rather than having hospitals report to ambulances, all reports of communicable diseases shall be made via secure email to EMSDICO@ems.sccgov.org. This email will be administrated by the EMS Medical Director and monitored at all times by their designee. The EMS agency will then notify all the responders who came in contact with the patient with the reportable disease.

The notification to EMSDICO@ems.sccgov.org does not relieve facilities and healthcare providers of their normal reporting requirement to the Public Health Department for reportable diseases and conditions. Facilities shall continue to abide by their company's standard of securely sending electronic patient information. For each case, facilities shall include a direct contact from the facility for the EMS DICO to follow up or loop closure.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact kenneth.miller@ems.sccgov.org.