

# HEALTH ALERT

December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019

## Confidential Morbidity Report (CMR) Update, Clarification, and Reminders

**Update:** Effective October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, California Department of Public Health (CDPH) updated the Title 17 section 2500 of the California Code of Regulations. Section 2500 specifies that healthcare providers must report all cases of the listed diseases and conditions to the local health department within the specified timeframe.

One update of note is the removal of ***Chlamydia trachomatis*** infections from the list of reportable diseases. ***Chlamydia trachomatis*** infections will continue to be a laboratory reportable condition, but providers **will not** be required to send Public Health a Confidential Morbidity Report (CMR), as was previously required.

**Clarification:** ***Trichomoniasis***, a vaginal infection, **is not** reportable to Public Health, but is reported quite frequently, by providers. Often, a provider will report ***Trichomoniasis***, but lists ***Trichinosis*** as the disease being reported. ***Trichinosis***, a GI illness caused by the ingestion of undercooked meat, **is** a reportable condition to Public Health. Similarly, ***Trichinosis*** has been reported to Public Health on several occasions with ***Trichomoniasis*** listed as the disease being reported.

**Reminders:** To limit potential confusion, take care to complete the first section of the Confidential Morbidity Report (CMR) - the **“Disease Being Reported”** box at the top of the form located here: <https://humboldt.gov.org/DocumentCenter/View/52309/Confidential-Morbidity-Report-CMR-PDF>

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### CONFIDENTIAL MORBIDITY REPORT

PLEASE NOTE: Use this form for reporting all conditions except Tuberculosis and conditions reportable to DMV.

**DISEASE BEING REPORTED**

<small>Patient Name - Last Name</small>	<small>First Name</small>	<small>MI</small>	<small>Ethnicity (check one)</small> <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
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Ensure that the disease being reported to Public Health is listed on the recently updated *Title 17 Reportable Diseases and Conditions document*. The list of reportable diseases and reporting forms are located here: <https://humboldt.gov.org/DocumentCenter/Index/2967>

Latest Broadcast Faxes from Public Health posted here: <https://humboldt.gov.org/2237/Provider-Communication-from-Public-Health>

**Timely reporting** is vital to effective disease surveillance and investigation. With this in mind, reports should be sent to Public Health within the specified timeframe (*timeframe found under the “Urgency” column of the Title 17 Reportable Diseases and Conditions document*). See attached list of reportable diseases and timeframes. The disease reporting line is **707-268-2182** and the Public Health Officer is always on call for Urgent Disease Reporting needs. To reach the Health Officer after hours, call Sheriff Dispatch at **707-445-7251** and request a return call. Confidential fax **707-445-7346**.

**Any questions regarding reportable diseases and conditions should be directed to Humboldt County Communicable Disease Surveillance – (707) 268-2182**

