COVID-19 Health Advisory — April 8, 2020

New COVID-19 Healthcare Provider Reporting Requirements for Alameda County

**Situation**

As of April 7, 2020, a total of 602 COVID-19 cases and 15 deaths have been reported among Alameda County residents, excluding the City of Berkeley. Although the Alameda County Public Health Department (ACPHD) continues to conduct individual COVID-19 case and contact investigations, we are prioritizing public health resources towards investigations in settings (e.g., long-term care facilities) or among persons (e.g., healthcare providers or first responders) where there is concern for ongoing transmission.

To ensure that ACPHD prioritizes resources for public health investigations, effective April 8, 2020 we have modified our County’s COVID-19 reporting requirements for healthcare providers as summarized in the Table below. All priority COVID-19 cases that require a phone call within 1 hour of receiving a laboratory report are defined in the second row of the Table, along with instructions for how to report. Reporting requirements and instructions for all other COVID-19 cases that do not meet the priority criteria are summarized in the third row of the Table.

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- **Positive COVID-19 laboratory result for any of the following priority confirmed cases:**
  - Healthcare worker
  - First responder (e.g., police officer, firefighter, or EMS personnel)
  - Resident of a long-term care facility or other congregate setting (e.g., jail, homeless shelter, group home, board and care)

  **Call** ACPHD at (510) 267–3250 within 1 hour

- **Positive COVID-19 laboratory result for all case-patients that do not meet the priority criteria above**

  Complete a **CMR** or a **CDC PUI form** and **Fax** to (510) 273–3744, or Send by **secure email** to AcuteCD@acgov.org within 24 hours

*Please report as accurately and completely as possible, including patient occupation and race/ethnicity.*

Also, we wanted to remind healthcare providers that ACPHD recently released a Health Advisory on April 3, 2020 in which the Health Officer issued blanket isolation orders that apply to all persons diagnosed with suspected or confirmed COVID-19, and blanket quarantine orders that apply to close contacts of cases. The orders and instructions are available in multiple languages on our Isolation and Quarantine website.

**Local Health Department Contact Information**

- Alameda County Acute Communicable Disease Control:
  - Weekdays 8:30AM – 5PM Phone: (510) 267–3250
  - After-Hours Phone: (925) 422–7595 and ask for the public health duty officer on call
  - For non-immediate concerns, email nCoV@acgov.org

- Berkeley Public Health Division:
  - Weekdays 8AM – 5PM Phone: (510) 981–5292
  - After-Hours Phone: (510) 981–5911 and ask for the Health Officer on call

**Contact Information for all other Local Health Jurisdictions** is available online from CDPH.