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Dear Healthcare Provider,

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is committed to understanding and addressing health disparities and advancing the health and well-being of California's diverse people and communities. As the COVID-19 pandemic has unfolded, it is clear that there are significant health disparities in disease incidence and disease severity. There are also disparities for many other reportable conditions. We are making changes to disease reporting regulations improve our ability to accurately assess disparities in reportable conditions related to race, ethnicity, sexual orientation and gender identity. We appreciate your efforts to support this important goal.

Recently, CDPH in consultation with the California Conference of Local Health Officers updated Title 17 sections 2500 to improve our ability to accurately assess disparities in reportable conditions related to race, ethnicity, sexual orientation and gender identity. These changes go into effect immediately and are described below.

Section 2500 Changes

- Requirement to report sexual orientation and gender identity data elements:
 - **Current gender identity**
 - Choices are: Male; Female; Trans male/Transman; Trans female/Transwoman; Genderqueer or non-binary; Identity not listed; Declined to answer; Unknown
 - **Sex assigned at birth**
 - Choices are: Male; Female; Declined to answer; Unknown
 - **Sexual orientation**
 - Choices are: Heterosexual or straight; Bisexual; Gay, lesbian, or same gender loving; Orientation not listed; Questioning/unsure/patient doesn't know; Declined to answer; Unknown
- Clean-up of Race/Ethnic Group to separate data elements:
 - **Race**
 - **Ethnicity**



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Healthcare providers can report in one of two ways:

1. Electronically via the CalREDIE Provider Portal
 - a. Contact CalREDIEHelp@cdph.ca.gov for more information
2. On paper by faxing the Confidential Morbidity Report (CMR) to the local health department
 - a. PDFs of the CMR forms can be found here: [Communicable Disease Reporting Forms](#)

The data reported by healthcare providers are used to lead our disease control and prevention efforts. We sincerely appreciate your efforts to report these important data so that we may address health disparities. Questions about communicable disease reporting can be directed to your local health department.

Thank you,



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