Health Information
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Title 17, California Code of Regulations §2500
2019 Changes

The California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO), recently updated the Title 17, California Code of Regulations (CCR) §2500. These changes went into effect on October 1, 2019.

On September 13, 2019, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) informed all CalREDIE Provider Portal users. This letter is available on the Fresno County Department of Public Health (FCDPH) website at www.fcdph.org/healthmessages.

CCR, Title 17, § 2500 clearly states that the physician is required to report the listed communicable diseases, regardless of specialty. The information generated by these requirements is used to identify epidemics; interrupt transmission; establish risk factors for disease; track trends in communicable diseases at the local, state, and national levels; and develop policies for prevention of disease.

In December 1996, the Medical Board of California adopted a procedure for citing and fining physicians who fail to adhere to the reporting laws and regulations of the State of California. Failure to report is a misdemeanor (Health and Safety Code §120295) and is a citable offense under the Medical Board of California Citation and Fine Program (Title 16, CCR, §1364.10 and 1364.11).

For additional information about testing, diagnosing, and reporting, please contact the FCDPH Communicable Disease Investigation program at (559) 600-3332 or visit www.fcdph.org/CMR.

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