



County of Napa
Health and Human Services Agency
Public Health Division



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HIV/AIDS Reporting: New for 2008

Dear Healthcare Provider,

As you are aware, medical providers, laboratories, hospitals, and facilities are required to report new cases of HIV and AIDS to the Napa County Public Health within seven calendar days. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of recent changes in reporting requirements and consent laws.

Reporting of HIV infection using patient names has been required by California law since April 17, 2006. In addition, consent laws for HIV testing have also been amended. California Assembly Bill 682, which became law in January 2008, eliminates written and informed consent by a patient prior to HIV testing and replaces it with simple consent. This requires a medical care provider, prior to ordering a HIV test, to advise the patient the test is planned, provide information about the test and treatment options and further testing needed, and to advise the patient that he or she has the right to decline.

Information on HIV/AIDS services available in Napa County (and beyond), as well as other subjects relating to HIV/AIDS including links to sites on testing, STDs, education, prevention, care and treatment is available at: <http://www.solanonapaHIVinfo.org/>.

With this letter please find the following updated information for inclusion in your provider manual:

- HIV/AIDS Reporting Requirements
- Adult HIV/AIDS Confidential Case Report Form
- The California HIV/AIDS Reporting System Flow Chart

Additional information on HIV reporting in California is available on the California Department of Public Health website at <http://www.dhs.ca.gov/aids/HIVReporting/Default.htm>. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Napa HIV/AIDS Surveillance Coordinator, Jim Carr, at (707) 259-8729.

Sincerely,

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