



# Health Alert Network Message 20-32: Update – COVID-19 Lab Reporting and COVID-19 Reportable Conditions

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## Update 05/04/2020: COVID-19 Reporting Guidelines

This HAN contains information on **COVID-19 lab reporting & COVID-19 reportable conditions**.

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### Reporting COVID-19 test results:

All facilities performing testing for COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2 are required to report positive results to LDH. This includes rapid testing, point-of-care testing, antibody testing, or any other testing performed for COVID-19. Electronic laboratory reporting (ELR) in HL7 or CSV format is the preferred mechanism for reporting results.

**If your facility is performing COVID-19 testing on-site** and you do not have ELR set up to report your results or you are unsure if your facility has ELR set up, please contact [ELR@la.gov](mailto:ELR@la.gov). The ELR team will work with you to set up ELR or an alternative reporting method.

**If your facility is sending out specimens for COVID-19 testing and not performing testing on-site**, the facility performing the testing will be responsible for reporting results.

*Note: COVID-19 test results sent via ELR should include **all** results of testing (positive, negative, indeterminate, etc.).*

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### COVID-19 Reportable Conditions:

- 1) **COVID-19-associated mortality:** All deaths occurring in individuals diagnosed with COVID-19 or who have a COVID-19 positive lab result.
- 2) **Pediatric hospitalizations:** Hospitalizations in individuals <18 years old who have a COVID-19 positive lab result.
- 3) **COVID-19 during pregnancy:** Infections in individuals who are pregnant and have a COVID-19 positive result.

Healthcare providers who diagnose cases of COVID-19 in patients that fit into these three categories should immediately report them to LDH using the secure online portal:

<https://laredcap.oph.dhh.la.gov/surveys/?s=NYW8TYETNF>

Once report is received, an epidemiologist will review and follow-up if any further information is required for the public health investigation.