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CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

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Dear Kentucky Healthcare and Laboratory Providers,

The Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH) has proposed changes to Kentucky regulation 902 KAR 2:020 for the reportable disease surveillance of COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) to reduce the burden of COVID-19 case reporting and to align with other endemic respiratory viruses and upcoming national guidance changes.

Starting July 1, 2024, only the following continue to be required for COVID-19 reporting to public health:

(a) Electronic laboratory submission of:
  1) Positive test results for SARS-CoV-2 viral detection using antigen or Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (NAAT), including polymerase chain reaction (PCR); or
  2) SARS-CoV-2 molecular sequencing; AND

(b) Patient case report forms for COVID-19 associated mortality in a patient who is:
  a. <18 years of age; or
  b. Pregnant; or
  c. Postpartum (<3 months of delivery)

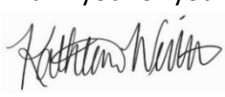
Healthcare providers will no longer maintain the responsibility for reporting patients with positive SARS-CoV-2 test results using rapid and point-of-care (POC) testing to public health. Additionally, submission of individual case report forms for patients diagnosed with COVID-19 are no longer required, except as specified in item (b) above.

Per 902 KAR 2:020, the following data elements are still required to be electronically reported by laboratories providing SARS-CoV-2 NAAT testing within 24 hours:

(a) Patient name;
(b) Date of birth;
(c) Gender;
(d) Race;
(e) Ethnicity;
(f) Patient address;
(g) County of residence;
(h) Patient telephone number;
(i) Name of the reporting medical provider or facility;
(j) Address of the reporting medical provider or facility; and
(k) Telephone number of the reporting medical provider or facility

These changes do not impact reporting to the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) that may be required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. KDPH will continue to maintain the Viral Respiratory Disease webpage and dashboard to provide statewide trends and mortality estimates for high-burden respiratory diseases publicly, including COVID-19,influenza and respiratory syncytial virus.

Thank you for your continued partnership in promoting the health of Kentuckians.



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