

3c. Reporting HIV/AIDS

State of California regulations require that all health care providers and medical labs report cases of HIV infection to the local health department.

Non-name code used to ensure privacy

Reporting HIV-infected people who do not have AIDS utilizes a cryptic code to identify the patient uniquely without revealing his or her name. The code is a combination of:

- Soundex (partial name algorithm issued by testing lab)
- Complete DOB (mm/dd/yyyy)
- Gender
- Last 4 digits of Social Security number (0000 if unknown)

Please see next page for a diagram of the *HIV Reporting Process* from the California Dept. of Health Services.

HIV tests

Lab tests that indicate HIV infection include, but are not limited to:

- HIV antigen
- HIV antibody
- Quantitative HIV viral load

AIDS vs HIV Reporting

A diagnosis of AIDS is determined by the presence of HIV infection in conjunction with one or more specific opportunistic infections or clinical conditions. A person may not meet the definition of AIDS for years after initial HIV infection. Therefore, it's difficult for epidemiologists to track trends in the HIV epidemic.

In California, AIDS has been reportable by name since 1983. In 2002, the state adopted the non-name HIV reporting method. The health department does not have a record of the name of HIV-infected people, only case reports with the non-name code. California's system is designed to monitor the HIV epidemic while protecting the privacy of people with confirmed HIV test results.

Why is reporting HIV/AIDS mandatory?

Our public health department is charged with helping local HIV/AIDS patients. Your reports are the foundation of accurate statistics on the disease – which are forwarded to State DHS and federal CDC.

Report all new cases to Santa Cruz County HIV/AIDS Surveillance Coordinator within 1 week.

☎ 454-4487

☰ HIV/AIDS Surveillance Pgm.
 SSC Health Services Agency
 1070 Emeline Avenue, Bldg. G
 Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Feel free to phone us so that our staff can guide you through the rather complex 2-page HIV report form.

ADULT HIV/AIDS CONFIDENTIAL CASE REPORT
 (Patients ≥ 13 years of age at time of diagnosis)

Section I: Patient Information (Name, DOB, Sex, Race, Ethnicity, etc.)

Section II: Demographic Information (Date of Birth, Date of Diagnosis, etc.)

Section III: Facility of Diagnosis (Name, Address, etc.)

Section IV: Report History (Date of Report, etc.)

Section V: Laboratory Data (Type of Test, Date, Result, etc.)

Section VI: Public Health Status (AIDS vs HIV, etc.)

Section VII: Clinical Status (Detailed medical history, symptoms, etc.)

Section VIII: Diagnostic/Service Referrals (Referrals to other services, etc.)

Section IX: Comments (Additional notes, etc.)

Section X: Signature (Reporting Health Care Provider, Date, etc.)

Section XI: Public Health Status (Final status, etc.)

! Please do not use the Confidential Morbidity Report (CMR) to report HIV.

Instead, use the specific form: HIV/AIDS Confidential Case Report.