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Dear Health Care Provider,

Per Title 17 Section 2500 of the California Code of Regulations, cases of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), must be reported immediately by telephone to the local health officer for the jurisdiction where the patient resides. For questions about COVID-19 reporting or other communicable disease reporting requirements, please contact your local health department.

As testing capacity increases and commercial laboratories begin testing, it is very important that all confirmed cases are reported promptly to local health departments to enable public health monitoring of the scope and severity of COVID-19 in California. Your reports will enable us to provide you with timely data to inform your clinical practice and guide public health interventions.

Thank you,

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