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OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARD ASSESSMENT



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Dear CalREDIE Provider Portal Users:

The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) and CalREDIE would like to remind all health-care providers that, under California law, any **known or suspected** pesticide-related illness or injury **must be reported within 24 hours to the Local Health Officer (LHO)**. Timely reporting on your part allows the **County Agricultural Commissioner (CAC)** to initiate an investigation. Reporting illness cases is an essential step towards prevention of future pesticide-related illnesses.

OEHHA and CalREDIE have developed a Pesticide Illness Reporting module that can be accessed through the **CalREDIE Provider Portal**. Cases reported via this module will **immediately** and accurately fulfill the reporting requirement and allow CAC investigators to respond quickly. (Reporting can also be done by calling the California Poison Control System (800-411-8080) or by directly calling the LHO of your jurisdiction.)

For **work-related cases**, this same module allows providers to simultaneously complete a printable "Doctor's First Report of Occupational Injury or Illness" form (**DFR**) that must to be sent to the LHO, the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) and the employer (or their insurance carrier). Please note that submitting just a DFR to DIR and/or the employer does not fulfill the reporting requirement. All work-related cases **must** also be reported within 24 hours to the LHO as noted above.

For more information, do not hesitate to contact us or visit our website [OEHHA pesticide illness reporting webpage](https://oehha.ca.gov/pesticides/pesticide-illness-surveillance-pesticide-illness-reporting) (<https://oehha.ca.gov/pesticides/pesticide-illness-surveillance-pesticide-illness-reporting>).

Thank you,

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PESTICIDE-RELATED ILLNESS REPORTING

FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

WHO SHOULD REPORT

Physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners and their representatives

WHEN TO REPORT

Within 24 hours

WHAT TO REPORT

- Initial examination, diagnostics and treatment of affected person
- Exposure details, including county of exposure
- Health care provider or facility contact information
- Information about the person (age, sex, pre-existing conditions, etc.)

HOW TO REPORT (4 OPTIONS)

1. Call the local health officer of designated county

For list of phone numbers see

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CCLHO/Pages/CCLHO-Health-Officer-Directory.aspx>

2. Fax or mail a report to local health officer

You may use one of the following forms:

PIR: Pesticide Illness Report of Known or Suspected Pesticide Related Illness

CMR: Confidential Morbidity Report

DFR: Doctor's First Report of Occupational Injury or Illness

3. Call California Poison Control System at 1-800-411-8080

For requesting help with pesticide toxicology information and medical management.

Center staff who can provide help with pesticide toxicology information and medical management will also offer to report on your behalf to local health officer.

4. Report electronically via the CalREDIE Provider Portal

If you are interested in using the Provider Portal, please contact your local health department to sign up for an account and for more information.

WHY REPORT

- Initiates county and state field investigations
- Identifies problem pesticides
- Satisfies requirement of California law

CONFIDENTIALITY

Reporting of pesticide illness does not violate HIPAA or state laws

PROVIDER TRAINING RESOURCES

- On-line course on the Recognition, Management and Reporting of Pesticide Illnesses. Visit <https://mededpesticide.org/>
- One-hour on-site presentations on pesticide illness recognition, diagnosis, and reporting

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