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Valley Fever Training Required in California

Construction firms and other employers in California must train employees in Valley Fever risks and control measures.

Training on Valley Fever is required per California Labor Code AB 203, Section 6709.

Required Valley Fever training for all employees at risk of prolonged exposure to dust in affected areas started May 1, 2020. Training is required annually thereafter, and again before an employee begins work that is reasonably anticipated to cause exposure to substantial dust disturbance.

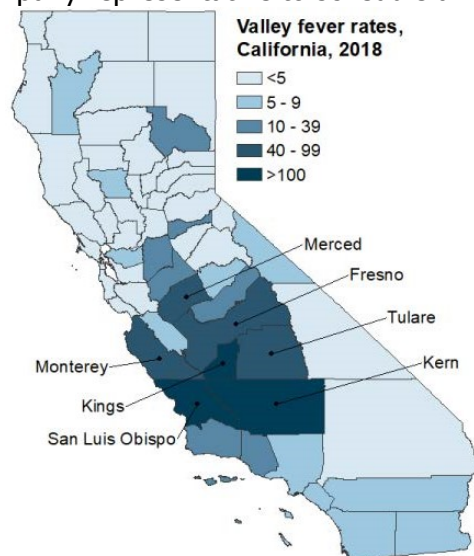
A construction employer with employees working at worksites in counties where Valley Fever is highly endemic, including, **but not limited to**, the Counties of **Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, Monterey, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Tulare, and Ventura** - where work activities disturb the soil, including, but not limited to, digging, grading, or other earth moving operations, or there is vehicle operation on dirt roads, or high winds - are required to provide effective safety training.

Although there are designated counties called out to do the training, Valley Fever has exposure in many others including Los Angeles County, Orange County, and Inland Empire counties. We strongly suggest employers in all counties provide your employees with Valley Fever training now.

Please contact your Safety Compliance Company representative to schedule a Valley Fever Safety Meeting.

Sincerely,

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Rates of reported Valley fever cases per 100,000 population.
Darkest colored counties had the highest rates of Valley fever.

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