

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Manisha Juthani, MD
Commissioner



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Governor
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Lt. Governor

Re: Changes to the List of Reportable Diseases, Emergency Illnesses and Health Conditions and the List of Reportable Laboratory Findings

Dear Colleagues:

May 11, 2023, marks the end of the federal public health emergency declaration for COVID-19. Changes are needed to the List of Reportable Diseases, Emergency Illnesses and Health Conditions and the List of Reportable Laboratory Findings to ensure continuity of surveillance data and to align with federal reporting requirements.

As Commissioner of DPH, I hereby amend these lists as follows: COVID-19-associated deaths are added to the List of Reportable Diseases, Emergency Illnesses and Health Conditions and negative SARS-CoV-2 results are removed from the List Reportable of Laboratory Findings. Positive SARS-CoV-2 NAAT and antigen test results will continue to be reportable from locations testing under a CLIA certificate or certificate of waiver. This action is taken pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 19a-2a and Section 19a-215 and Section 19a-36-A7 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

During the pandemic, COVID-19-associated deaths were reportable to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) due to the ongoing Public Health Emergency. With the expiration of the federal public health emergency, OCME will transition COVID-19 death surveillance to DPH. COVID-19-associated deaths shall be a Category 2 condition and must be reported electronically or by fax within 12 hours. DPH will share the report with the local health department for the town where the case patient resides and will follow up with the provider as needed to collect additional information.

Thank you for your continued partnership in addressing the public health of the State of Connecticut.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Manisha Juthani".

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