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Dear Kentucky Healthcare Professionals, Facilities, and Laboratories,

Communicable disease reporting requirements for healthcare professionals and laboratories outlined in 902 KAR 2:020 have recently been amended to: 1) include new reportable conditions and mortality; 2) update COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) and Multi-system Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C) case reporting; 3) update the list of conditions that require specimen submission to DLS; and 4) add pregnancy status as a required data element. These changes are in effect immediately. Please see below for details on each change.

Newly Reportable Conditions:

Requiring urgent notification within 24 hours:

1. Melioidosis (*Burkholderia pseudomallei*)
2. *Cronobacter* ssp., invasive disease in an infant less than 12 months of age

Requiring priority notification within 1 business day:

3. Free-living Amoeba infections, including *Acanthamoeba* disease, *Acanthamoeba* keratitis, *Balamuthia mandrillaris* and *Naegleria fowleri* causing primary amebic meningoencephalitis (PAM)
4. COVID-19-associated mortality in a patient who is less than 18 years of age, pregnant or postpartum (within 3 months of delivery)
5. Influenza-associated mortality in a patient who is less than 18 years of age, pregnant or postpartum (within 3 months of delivery)
6. RSV-associated mortality in a patient who is less than 18 years of age

Requiring routine electronic lab reporting (ELR) within 5 business days:

7. Alpha-gal Syndrome detected by serum or plasma immunoglobulin E specific to alpha-gal (sIgE) ≥ 0.1 IU/mL or ≥ 0.1 kU/L
8. Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) detected by Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (NAAT), including polymerase chain reaction (PCR)

SARS-CoV-2. Only* routine notification by electronic laboratory report (ELR) (within 5 business days) of SARS-CoV-2 is now required:

1. SARS-CoV-2 detected by NAAT, including PCR and
2. SARS-CoV-2 molecular sequencing

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*With the exceptions of COVID-19 associated mortality specified above and outbreaks of SARS-CoV-2 in healthcare settings which require notification within 24 hours.

MIS-C. Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C) now requires routine notification (within 5 business days) and is no longer a condition requiring urgent notification (within 24 hours).

Submission of Laboratory Specimens. Specimens for the following conditions are now required to be submitted to the Division of Laboratory Services:

1. Acute flaccid myelitis
2. *Cronobacter* spp. isolated from a sterile specimen site in a patient less than 12 months of age.

Please see the attached documents to assist with reporting requirements. We appreciate your patience as we communicate these changes to healthcare professionals, facilities, laboratories, local health departments, trade and professional associations, and others.

Thank you for all you do in support of the people of Kentucky.

With gratitude,

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