



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**TO: All health care providers and health care facilities in the City of Long Beach**

**FROM: Anissa Davis, M.D., M.P.H., Health Officer, City of Long Beach**

**SUBJECT: Health Officer Order for influenza reporting requirements in Long Beach**

Each influenza season, the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services (LBDHHS) aims to prevent and control outbreaks of influenza in high-risk settings, tracks influenza numbers to be able to respond appropriately with targeted outreach or vaccination clinics, and mandates vaccination or masking in healthcare facilities throughout Long Beach to protect staff and patients from acquiring influenza in healthcare settings. LBDHHS, in collaboration with the California Department of Public Health, is working to improve and strengthen influenza surveillance systems. Therefore, changes have been made to influenza reporting and surveillance for the upcoming influenza season.

**Beginning October 1, 2018, The Long Beach Health Department requires that all influenza deaths, regardless of age, are reported.** Flu deaths must be reported within seven days by completing an [Influenza Death Case History Form](#) found on [www.longbeach.gov/fluforproviders](http://www.longbeach.gov/fluforproviders). Outbreaks of influenza-like illness and novel influenza infections (suspect or confirmed) continue to also be reportable to the Health Department. A summary of all influenza reporting requirements in Long Beach are outlined in the table below:

## Reporting Requirements for the 2018-2019 Influenza Season in Long Beach

	When to Report	How to Report
<b>Outbreaks of influenza or influenza-like illness (ILI)</b>	Immediately	Call Epidemiology Program at 562.570.4302 during regular work hours
<b>Novel influenza infections (suspect or confirmed)</b>	Immediately	Immediately call Epidemiology Program at 562.570.4302, or after hours, call Public Health Duty Officer at 562.500.5537
<b>Fatal, laboratory-confirmed influenza of any age</b>	Within 7 days	Complete and fax <a href="#">Influenza Death Case History Form</a> to 562.570.4374 or report via CalREDIE

**ORDER:** Pursuant to my authority under §120175 of the California Health and Safety Code, I, Anissa Davis, M.D., M.P.H., City Health Officer, hereby order every healthcare provider and healthcare facility within the City of Long Beach to report all deaths of laboratory-confirmed influenza to the Health Department within seven days.

**DURATION OF ORDER:** This Order will remain in effect until rescinded by the Health Officer.

We appreciate your help and support protecting the residents of our community. If you have any questions regarding influenza or influenza reporting, please visit [www.longbeach.gov/fluforproviders](http://www.longbeach.gov/fluforproviders) or contact the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services Epidemiology Program at (562) 570-4302.