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Date: March 10, 2020
To: Medical Providers, Laboratory Directors and other mandated reporters
From: Erin Gustafson, M.D., M.P.H.
Acting County Health Officer
Subject: **Health Officer Order - Addition of COVID-19 to the Reportable Diseases and Conditions List**

Effective March 6, 2020, San Bernardino County Department of Public Health is adding Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and the SARS-CoV-2 to the list of reportable diseases by the authority of the Health Officer under the California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Section §2500 and §2505, respectively, to improve the health of San Bernardino County residents.

The Confidential Morbidity Report (CMR) must be received by the Communicable Disease Section (CDS) within one day of identification.

Order: Pursuant to my authority under section 120175 of the California Health and Safety Code, I hereby order the following diseases and conditions to be added to the Reportable Diseases and Conditions lists:

§2500 (Healthcare Providers and Administrators of Healthcare Facilities)
Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
§2505 (Laboratories)
SARS-CoV-2 Virus

Duration of Order: This Order will remain in effect until rescinded by the Health Officer.

It is best practice to encourage patients to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses. Educate patients of effective hygiene practices, including:

- Proper hand washing
- Avoiding close contact with sick individuals
- Covering coughs and sneezes
- Cleaning and disinfecting surfaces
- Staying home when sick

There are more than 85 reportable communicable diseases mandated by California law. For a list of these diseases and more information on how to report, visit CDS's [reporting forms page](#). For questions regarding this mandate or to report a disease, contact CDS at 1 (800) 722-4794, Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. For after hours, call (909) 356-3805 and ask for the Public Health Duty Officer.

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