

HIV REPORTING UPDATE – MAY 2007



Update on Emergency HIV Reporting Regulations

A filing by the California Department of Health Services (CDHS), Office of Regulations to readopt emergency regulations governing name-based HIV reporting was recently approved, making these regulations effective through September 7, 2007. The 45-day written public comment period relating to the emergency HIV reporting regulations closed on May 16, 2007. The Office of AIDS (OA) is currently in the process of reviewing all written comments submitted to CDHS. Should any changes be made to these emergency regulations, CDHS will hold a 15-day public comment period. The text of the emergency regulations is available for viewing from CDHS' Office of Regulations Web site: [Click here → Regulation Title \(R-06-014E\) Reporting of HIV Infection by Name.](#)

HIV/AIDS Reporting Toolkit

The *May 2007 Draft HIV/AIDS Reporting Toolkit* was presented at the HIV/AIDS Surveillance Conference held in Sacramento, May 15-17, 2007. The purpose of this toolkit is to: 1) describe the California HIV/AIDS surveillance system; 2) enhance OA's Registry quality assurance efforts; and 3) assist local HIV/AIDS surveillance programs in developing area-specific procedures for local program operations that meet federal performance standards described in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists Technical Guidance for HIV/AIDS Surveillance Programs. Local health department (LHD) surveillance staff are invited to provide input regarding the readability, organization, and utility of the draft toolkit by completing an anonymous online survey. To participate in this survey, follow the link from the OA Web site at www.dhs.ca.gov/AIDS/HIVReporting/Survey/. LHD staff who did not receive an electronic copy of the draft toolkit may contact their assigned OA surveillance coordinator for a copy.

Quarterly List of Potential Duplicate HIV/AIDS Cases

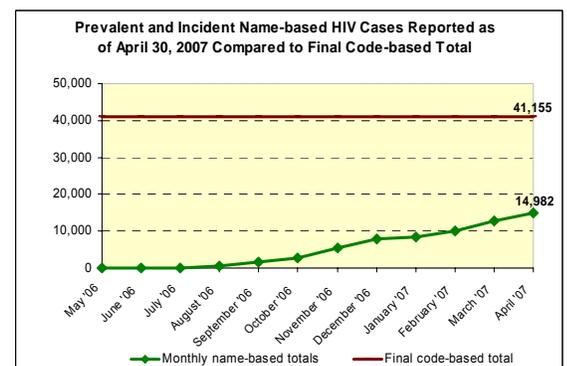
This month, OA Registry distributed the quarterly list of potential duplicate HIV and AIDS cases reported to OA as of March 31, 2007. To protect the security and confidentiality of case information, this list was stripped of all information that could directly or indirectly identify an individual. LHD staff with questions about this list should contact their assigned OA surveillance coordinator for assistance.

San Francisco HIV Incidence Surveillance Forms

As part of HIV Incidence Surveillance activities, the San Francisco HIV/AIDS Surveillance Program has adopted a form to collect HIV testing history information on reported cases. In some cases, the Incidence Information form, which is usually printed on blue paper, was attached to out-of-jurisdiction case report forms originating from San Francisco and forwarded to other LHDs. Any LHDs that have received these forms should: 1) ensure that a state identification number is recorded in the SFID field; 2) detach the form from the confidential case report form; and 3) send to OA by traceable courier services, to the attention of Cathy Saiki, HIV Incidence Surveillance Data Manager.

HIV Case Counts¹ as of April 2007

As of April 30, 2007, a total of 14,982 HIV cases have been reported by name to OA. The total number of reporting jurisdictions continues to increase slightly from previous months, with about 87 percent of LHDs statewide currently submitting HIV case reports by name. The two jurisdictions to most recently initiate HIV reporting by name are the City of Berkeley and El Dorado County. Among cumulative HIV cases reported, 14,639 or approximately 98 percent correspond to living cases.



¹ On a monthly basis, OA disseminates summary statistics that describe the extent of California's HIV/AIDS epidemic. These routine surveillance reports are available on OA's Web site at www.dhs.ca.gov/AIDS/Statistics. Beginning in April 2006, the monthly HIV statistics published by OA reflect the number of HIV cases reported by name. For HIV statistics based on cases reported by non-name code, refer to surveillance reports published prior to April 2006, available on OA's Web site.