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Public Health Bulletin: Invasive Pneumococcal Disease is NOW a Reportable Disease.

What to Report:

Streptococcus pneumoniae isolated from a normally sterile site (e.g. CSF, blood, joint fluid, middle ear fluid, pleural fluid, pericardial fluid, etc.) in a person residing in Los Angeles County.

Who Should Report:

All healthcare providers and laboratories serving Los Angeles County residents have a responsibility to report cases of invasive pneumococcal disease (IPD). "Healthcare provider" includes physicians, surgeons, veterinarians, podiatrists, chiropractors, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, registered nurses, nurse midwives, school nurses, infection control practitioners, medical examiners, coroners, and dentists.

How to Report:

- Use the IPD form to report cases of IPD **including antibiotic susceptibility results and vaccine history**. You may attach a copy of antibiotic susceptibility results or you may transcribe the results to the form. For a copy of the reporting form, you may call the Acute Communicable Disease Control Unit at (213) 240-7941 or you may go to the following website: <http://lapublichealth.org/acd/procs/pneumo/spfrm4.pdf>.
- Send completed forms to us via the Communicable Disease Reporting System (CDRS) toll-free faxline (1-888-397-3778) or hotline (1-888-397-3993), or the forms may be mailed to the Morbidity Central Reporting Unit, 313 N. Figueroa Street, Room #117, Los Angeles, CA, 90012.

Why Report:

Increasing antimicrobial resistance and the introduction of the new conjugate vaccine has led the Acute Communicable Disease Control Unit to emphasize the importance of IPD surveillance. This information will be used to identify high-risk groups for antimicrobial resistance, assess vaccine effectiveness, and provide feedback to hospitals and physicians.

For Questions:

Please contact the Acute Communicable Disease Control Unit at (213) 240-7941 or visit the following website for more information: <http://lapublichealth.org/acd/pneumo.htm>.

Thank you for your support in reporting Invasive Pneumococcal Disease.