



Chester County Health Department

The Chester County Health Department, supporting the COVID-19 response in both Chester County and Delaware County, is issuing the following health alert for healthcare providers regarding: **Reporting of COVID-19 Cases.**

COVID-19 is a reportable disease, and clinicians and laboratories are required to notify Chester County Health Department (CCHD) of cases. The majority of reports are entered automatically by laboratories (large commercial laboratories and hospital laboratories) through an electronic system. However, tests performed at the point of care (POC) must be reported directly by the clinician performing the test. The **COVID-19 Report Form** is found here: <https://chesco.org/1179/Disease-Report-Forms>. You may report electronically using the link, or print the form and fax to 610-344-5405.

New tests are rapidly being developed for COVID-19. A list of all tests that have been granted Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) by the FDA for detection and/or diagnosis of SARS-CoV-2 can be found here: <https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/mcm-legal-regulatory-and-policy-framework/emergency-use-authorization#covid19euas> Note that serology tests are not recommended for diagnosis of acute COVID-19 infection.

If you are sending specimens to a laboratory you have not used before, or one which is processing a new test, ask whether they will electronically report results or whether you will be responsible for the reporting.

Only tests with emergency use authorization for point of care are recommended for use in outpatient sites such as physician offices, urgent care, outreach clinics, and temporary patient care settings that have appropriately trained personnel to perform the test and are operating under a CLIA Certificate of Waiver or Certificate of Compliance.

Further information about laboratory testing for COVID-19 is available at <https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/emergency-situations-medical-devices/faqs-diagnostic-testing-sars-cov-2> and <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/Documents/HAN/2020-PAHAN-494-04-10-ALT-ALERT-Inter.pdf>

Please consult chesco.org/coronavirus or call 610-344-6225 for further information.

Please distribute this health advisory as appropriate.