



# Health Alert Network Message 22-18: Updated COVID-19 Diagnostic Reporting Requirements

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## Updated COVID-19 Diagnostic Reporting Requirements

The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) is changing its COVID-19 diagnostic reporting requirements in accordance with recent guidance from the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the CDC. Under these new requirements, reporting of COVID-19 antibody test results, regardless of result, will no longer be required. Additionally, negative results from COVID-19 antigen tests will no longer be required to be reported.

**All test results** (positive, negative, or other) from COVID-19 nucleic acid amplification tests (NAAT), often referred to as PCR or molecular tests, are still required to be reported to LDH. **All positive results** from COVID-19 antigen tests are also still required to be reported. Electronic laboratory reporting (ELR) in HL7 or CSV format is the preferred mechanism for reporting results. If your facility is performing COVID-19 testing on-site and you do not have ELR set up to report your results, please contact [ELR@la.gov](mailto:ELR@la.gov) to obtain access to the Louisiana Lab Submission Online Portal.

In addition to laboratory result reporting, the following COVID-19 reportable conditions are required to be reported to LDH using a secure online portal at the following link: [LDH COVID-19 Priority Events Portal](#)

- **COVID-19 associated mortality:** All deaths occurring in individuals diagnosed with COVID-19 or have a positive COVID-19 lab result.
- **Pediatric Hospitalizations:** Hospitalizations in individuals <18 years old who have a positive COVID-19 lab result.
- **COVID-19 during pregnancy:** Infections in individuals who are pregnant and have a positive COVID-19 lab result.
- **COVID-19 Vaccine Breakthrough Hospitalizations:** Hospitalizations in individuals who have had a positive COVID-19 lab result 2 or more weeks after completing a vaccination series.

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