

Infection Control Professionals,

Acute Communicable Disease Control Program continues to investigate severe coxsackievirus infections in children. Last year, several cases and deaths were confirmed in Los Angeles and other counties and states. A report including the Los Angeles experience was recently published in the MMWR –

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5720a4.htm>

**We request that you report pediatric patients that meet the following criteria:**

- 1. Admitted to (P/N)ICU or died**
- 2. Aged less than 18 years**
- 3. Positive enterovirus laboratory result (Please be prepared to submit the isolate or specimen)**

Two different methods of reporting may be used:

1. Fax (213-482-4856) the attached case history form and requested documentation (see case report form for list).
2. Submit the report using webCMR. Use 'Enterovirus Pediatric Severe Surveillance.' as the disease name. Requested documentation (see case report form for list) should be scanned into the webCMR record or faxed separately to 213-482-4856.

Please share the County's interest in severe pediatric enteroviral illness by sharing this information with your laboratory director and other relevant health care professionals in your facility.

This information and other resources can be found online at:

<http://www.ph.lacounty.gov/acd/diseases/enterovirus.htm>

For any questions please contact Kanta Sircar, PhD or Dawn Terashita, MD at 213-240-7941.

Thank you.