



**DATE:** January XX, 2026

Behavioral Health Information Notice No: 25-XXX  
Supersedes Behavioral Information Notice No: [23-014](#)

**TO:** California Alliance of Child and Family Services  
California Association for Alcohol/Drug Educators  
California Association of Alcohol & Drug Program Executives, Inc.  
California Association of DUI Treatment Programs  
California Association of Social Rehabilitation Agencies  
California Consortium of Addiction Programs and Professionals  
California Behavioral Health Association  
California Hospital Association  
California Opioid Maintenance Providers  
California State Association of Counties  
Coalition of Alcohol and Drug Associations  
County Behavioral Health Directors  
County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California

**SUBJECT:** Submission of communicable disease reports to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS).

**PURPOSE:** To inform certified alcohol and other drug (AOD) programs of their obligation to submit communicable disease reports to DHCS.

**REFERENCE:** [Certification for Alcohol and Other Drug Programs](#), Section 34.

**BACKGROUND:**

The COVID-19 public health emergency ended on May 11, 2023. Given that the associated public health orders described in Behavioral Health Information Notice (BHIN) 23-014 expired, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is superseding BHIN 23-014.

In June 2025, the California Department of Public Health [revised](#) the list of communicable diseases in subsection (j) of Section 2500 of Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations which health care providers and health facility administrators must report to local public health departments. Consistent with this revision, each case of COVID-19 is no longer required to be reported. Instead, health care providers must report cases of hospitalization from COVID-19. This BHIN notifies certified AOD programs of their obligation to notify DHCS and local health departments of cases of communicable diseases in accordance

with the lists of diseases in [sections 2500 and 2502 of Title 17](#) of the California Code of Regulations. DHCS issues this BHIN pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 11832.23.

**POLICY:**

In accordance with the [Certification for Alcohol and Other Drug Programs](#), Section 34, certified AOD programs are required to report all communicable diseases identified in [sections 2500 and 2502 of Title 17](#) of the California Code of Regulations to both DHCS and the local health officer. A telephonic report must be made to DHCS within one working day of the event, followed by a written report within seven calendar days. The report shall include the information listed in the [Certification for Alcohol and Other Drug Programs](#), Section 34.

For questions about this BHIN or to submit communicable disease reports, please contact DHCS:

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Sincerely,

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