



MEMORANDUM

DATE : February 16, 2001

TO: All Interested Parties

FROM: Louis Bruhnke, EMS Coordinator

RE: **Reportable Disease Exposure**

Recently our office received an inquiry regarding suspected exposure to reportable disease. We would like to offer a reminder to all first responder and transporting agencies.

Each of our region's hospitals should have a system in place to alert personnel at their own and other effected agencies when a patient at that hospital is found to have a reportable disease.

A list of reportable diseases can be found at:

<http://www.oc.ca.gov/hca/public/cdcerdi.htm>

California State legislation regarding suspected exposure to reportable disease can be reached from our web site www.northcoastems.com under the heading "EMS System". Pertinent legislation is included in EMS Act-Division 2.5 of the Health and Safety Code, Sections 1797.188 and 1797.189.

Our region's hospitals will make an effort to notify all hospital and prehospital personnel who might have come in contact with a patient discovered to have a reportable disease. We recommend that any individual who believes they might have been exposed alert their supervisor. Supervisory personnel should contact the Infection Control Officer of the hospital to which the patient in question was transported.

Should you discover that you or individuals at you agency have been exposed to a reportable disease, we recommend you investigate as to whether personnel from other responding agencies may have been exposed to the patient and alert that agency.

We also recommend you contact the Infection Control Officer at the hospital(s) served by your area for general information. Below we are including a list of the Infection Control Officers at each of our region's hospitals:

- Adventist Health/Redbud Hospital: Arlene Taylor 994-6486 ex-5819 pager 968-8755
- General Hospital: Pam Iorg 445-5111 ex-1214 pager: 441-7368
- Jerold Phelps Community Hospital: Melinda Stahl 923-3921 ex-232
- Mad River Community Hospital: Linda Wells 822-3621 ex-4105
- St. Joseph Hospital/Redwood Memorial Hospital: Cheryl Dingman 445-8121 ex-5835

- Sutter Coast Hospital: Virginia Niehoff 464-8511 ex-4167
- Sutter Lakeside Hospital: Leslie Ricks 621-5102