

Named HIV Reporting in Hawaii, March 13, 2008

Questions and Answers for Health Care Providers

When will named HIV reporting begin?

Beginning on March 13, 2008, Hawaii Administrative Rules, Chapter 156 will require that HIV infection be reportable by patient name to the Hawaii Department of Health.

Who should report HIV cases?

Any physician or other health care provider that requested HIV testing must report positive HIV cases. Laboratories must report all test results by name for HIV+, all levels of HIV viral load and CD4. In-state laboratories that perform the HIV testing will be responsible for reporting. Laboratories that outsource HIV tests to out-of-state testing sites will be responsible for reporting the HIV test results.

Which test results need to be reported?

Providers and laboratories report the following:

1. A confirmatory HIV Western blot result or HIV-IFA.
2. Positive HIV detection test (HIV+ culture, antigen, PCR, DNA or RNA probe)
3. Other test(s) indicative of HIV as defined by the Center of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Laboratories will also report the following:

4. All HIV viral load tests (NASBA, RT-PCR, bDNA, others)
5. All levels of CD4 tests

How do I report?

Providers will use the standard CDC HIV/AIDS report form (same form for HIV and for AIDS) to report to the HIV/AIDS Surveillance Program. Report in a confidential envelope for security purposes. You can also report by telephone to 808-733-9010. You may NOT report by fax or email.

Where should providers report?

Department of Health
Surveillance Program
3627 Kilauea Avenue, Suite 306
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96816

Does the date of HIV diagnosis affect the need to report by name?

All HIV positive cases need to be reported by name regardless of when they were diagnosed, either before or after March 13, 2008. Both prevalent (previously diagnosed) and incident (newly diagnosed HIV cases) are to be reported. Cases that have already been reported as AIDS cases do NOT have to be reported for HIV.

Does a patient transferring from another physician need to be reported?

The Administrative Rules require providers to report all HIV/AIDS cases (including those who may or may not have been diagnosed by other physicians in Hawaii or elsewhere). Duplicate reports will be eliminated by surveillance staff at the time of report. Therefore each positive case does need to be reported.

Is there any way to assist me to report by name all the HIV cases I've previously reported by UTC?

Yes, the surveillance program staff will convert cases that were reported previously by UTC into named reports, but they need specific information from you to do so. Please save time by submitting one of the following to the HIV/AIDS Surveillance Program:

1. Submit the Provider's Name/code Log form (example below) that provides a listing of your already reported patients including: patient name, DOB, UTC and date of report to DOH. (copy attached)

