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Dear Laboratory Directors and Medical Providers:

Effective September 23, 2013, the Alameda County Public Health Department will require reporting of high-grade cervical precancers. This includes histopathology-confirmed cases of cervical intraepithelial neoplasia (CIN) grades 2 and 3, and adenocarcinoma in-situ (AIS) among women residing in Alameda County.

The Alameda County Public Health Department (ACPHD) and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) are leading critical surveillance efforts to understand the impact of human papilloma virus (HPV) vaccines on cervical precancer in order to inform local and national HPV vaccine implementation and cervical cancer prevention activities. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunizations Practices (ACIP) currently recommends routine HPV vaccination for all females and males aged 9-26 years (<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/ACIP-list.htm>). As a vaccine-preventable condition, cervical precancer represents a significant burden on the health care system. We greatly appreciate the assistance of our laboratory and clinician partners in joint efforts to improve the health of the women of Alameda County.

Laboratories will be required to report cases of CIN 2, 3, and AIS per the Health Officer under the California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Section 2500. Cases should be reported directly to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) HPV-Impact Surveillance Unit. HPV-Impact is funded by CDC and represents a collaborative effort of state and local health departments, academic institutions, and the CDC Emerging Infections Program at 5 sites around the nation.

Laboratories are requested to report cases using an electronic reporting mechanism; however, cases may be reported in alternate formats. For assistance with reporting, please contact the HPV-Impact Surveillance Unit at (510) 620-2379. Additionally, upon request, laboratories are required to send fixed cervical tissue specimens used to diagnose CIN 2, 3, or AIS for HPV typing, per instructions from CDPH.

Medical providers who care for Alameda County residents may be contacted by public health staff requesting additional information on laboratory-reported cases, including demographic data, HPV vaccine history, and cervical cancer screening history. Reporting to public health authorities for public health activities is permitted under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy Rule, 65 F.R. §164.512(b).

For questions about reporting requirements, specimen handling, or for additional information—please visit http://ceip.us/cd_hpv.htm. Questions may also be directed to Dr. Ina Park, MD, MS of CDPH at (510) 620-6287.

Respectfully,

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