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HEALTH UPDATE

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Pesticide Illness Reporting

The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) and Madera County Department of Public Health would like to remind all health-care providers that under California law, ***any known or suspected pesticide-related illness or injury must be reported within 24 hours to the Local Health Department (LHD)***. Timely reporting on your part allows the County Agricultural Commissioner to initiate the prompt investigation that is required for all reported cases. Reporting pesticide-related illness cases is an essential step towards prevention of future cases.

How to Report:

Reporting a pesticide illness must be done using **one** of the following methods.

1. Calling the **California Poison Control System** at 1-800-411-8080. The majority of cases are reported in this manner.
2. Calling the **local health department** of your jurisdiction.
3. Electronic reporting via the **CalREDIE Provider Portal** using the Pesticide Illness Reporting module.
4. Submitting a **Confidential Morbidity Report form**

<https://www.maderacounty.com/home/showdocument?id=266> or a **Pesticide Illness Reporting form** <https://oehha.ca.gov/media/downloads/pesticides/report/pir99.pdf> form to the **LHD**.

Categories of Health Alert Messages:

Health Alert: Conveys the highest level of importance; warrants immediate action or attention

Health Advisory: Provides important information for a specific incident or situation; may not require immediate action

Health Update: Provides updated information regarding an incident or situation; unlikely to require immediate action

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Workers Compensation Cases:

All Workers Compensation cases that involve pesticide exposure **must be reported within 24 hours to the LHD** using one of the above methods. Only filing a Doctor's First Report of Occupational Injury or Illness does not fulfill the reporting requirement for a pesticide-related illness or injury.

For more information, please do not hesitate to contact the MCDPH by phone at 559-675-7893 or 1-800-427-6897. You can also visit the OEHHA webpage at <https://oehha.ca.gov/pesticides/pesticide-illness-surveillance-pesticide-illness-reporting>

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