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Dear Kentucky Healthcare Professionals, Facilities, and Laboratories,

With the desire to provide reporting and regulatory relief, we have amended 902 KAR 2:020 both to reduce COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) laboratory data reporting requirements and to explicitly allow healthcare facilities to submit electronic case reports. These changes are in effect **immediately**.

902 KAR 2:020 describes communicable disease reporting requirements for healthcare professionals and laboratories. **Laboratories are no longer required to report negative SARS-CoV-2 antigen test results or any serology studies.**

SARS-CoV-2 laboratory results must still be provided for:

- 1) Positive and negative test results for SARS-CoV-2 viral detection using Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (NAAT), including polymerase chain reaction (PCR);
- 2) Positive test results for SARS-CoV-2 viral detection using antigen immunoassays; and
- 3) SARS-CoV-2 molecular sequencing.

Additionally, **healthcare providers are now permitted to submit electronic case reports through the Kentucky Health Information Exchange (KHIE)** in lieu of submitting a faxed case report. Healthcare providers continue to be required to submit case reports for patients diagnosed with COVID-19 to the Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH) when:

- 1) A COVID-19 diagnosis of a patient for whom a laboratory report is not independently submitted;
- 2) A COVID-19 diagnosis of a patient is admitted to an inpatient medical facility; or
- 3) There is a COVID-19 associated mortality.

We appreciate that you may have questions and ask for your understanding as we communicate these changes to clinicians, facilities, laboratories, local health departments, trade and professional associations, and others.

With gratitude for your service to Kentuckians,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steven J. Stack".



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