June 26, 2020

Dear Provider:

Effective July 1, 2020, as part of the public health response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and pursuant to Section 19a-2a of the Connecticut General Statutes and Section 19a-36-A7 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, as Acting Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH), I hereby amend the List of Reportable Diseases, Emergency Illnesses and Health Conditions by adding the following:

Hospitalizations due to COVID-19 shall be reported immediately to the DPH and to the local department of health in the town of residence of the case-patient on the day of recognition or strong suspicion of disease. Acute care hospitals shall report COVID-19 hospitalizations to the Department electronically using a format specified by the Commissioner and provide the Department with remote access to the electronic medical records of patients who are hospitalized with COVID-19, either confirmed or probable. This required reporting is necessary for public health purposes.

I thank you in advance for your continued partnership in addressing the public health of the State of Connecticut.

Sincerely,

Deidre S. Gifford, MD, MPH
Acting Commissioner