

BACKGROUND

In California, AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome) has been a reportable condition since 1983. HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) was first made reportable by a non-name code in 2002. In April 2006, Senate Bill 699 passed which mandates that both health care providers and laboratories must report all HIV cases with the patient's name. The implementation of name-based reporting will allow us to monitor the HIV epidemic in a more accurate, timely, and complete manner. Also, because future federal funding is to be allocated according to the number of HIV cases reported by name, compliance with this new law will help ensure that Santa Cruz County receives its fair share of funding for HIV care and prevention services.

Lab tests that indicate HIV / AIDS infection include, but are not limited to:

- HIV antigen
- HIV antibody
- Quantitative HIV viral load
- Immunologic Lab Tests that reflect a CD 4 result of <200 or 14% qualify as an AIDS case

REPORTING

All HIV and AIDS cases should be called in directly to the HIV/AIDS Surveillance Coordinator, not to the Communicable Diseases Unit. If you have any questions or your agency needs HIV/AIDS Case Report forms, please contact the Surveillance Coordinator at the phone number listed below.

WHAT:	HIV (incident and prevalent cases) & AIDS cases
HOW:	Call
WHEN:	< 1 week of diagnosis
WHERE:	<u>HIV / AIDS Surveillance Coordinator</u>
	Phone: (831) 454 - 4482

Do not use a CMR to report HIV/AIDS.

For more information on HIV/AIDS in Santa Cruz County, please visit the county's website (www.santacruzhealth.org) and search AIDS.