

California Department of Public Health, Center for Infectious Diseases, Office of AIDS
Assembly Bill 2541 (Portantino, Chapter 470, Statutes of 2011)
HIV/TB/Syphilis, Gonorrhea, Chlamydia Co-infection Reporting

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For the purpose of reporting HIV, tuberculosis (TB), syphilis, gonorrhea, and chlamydia co-infection cases, effective January 1, 2011, California Health and Safety (H&S) Code states:

- **Local public health agency TB control staff** may further disclose the information (HIV/AIDS surveillance data) to state public health agency TB control staff, who may further disclose the information, without disclosing patient identifying information, to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), to the extent the information is requested by CDC and permitted by subdivision (b), for the purposes of the investigation, control, or surveillance of HIV and TB co-infection. (Health and Safety Code section 121025(c)(1)(B).)
- **Local public health agency sexually transmitted disease (STD) control staff** may further disclose the information (HIV/AIDS surveillance data) to state public health agency STD control staff, who may further disclose the information, without disclosing patient identifying information, to CDC, to the extent it is requested by CDC, and permitted by subdivision (b), for the purposes of the investigation, control, or surveillance of HIV and syphilis, gonorrhea, or chlamydia co-infection. (Health and Safety Code section 121025(c)(1)(C).)

Prior to Assembly Bill 2541, local health department TB and STD control staff could only report cases of HIV/TB/STD co-infection to the state health department if a patient self-reported his or her positive HIV status. As a result, the reported cases of HIV/TB/STD co-infection were incomplete and inaccurate.

AB 2541 will enhance:

- State reporting of HIV/TB/syphilis, gonorrhea, chlamydia co-infection cases to CDC through the use of HIV/AIDS surveillance data.
- California Department of Public Health, TB Control Branch's ability to secure CDC funding.
- Completeness of California HIV/TB/STD co-infection surveillance data, thereby enabling state and local health departments to better target HIV/TB/STD prevention and care resources.

HIV Data Security and Confidentiality Safeguards:

HIV/AIDS surveillance staff must ensure that appropriate data security and confidentiality safeguards are in place before sharing such data, (e.g. signed confidentiality agreements and/or data use agreements). Please refer to California H&S Code Sections 121022(f)-(i) and 121025 and CDC's [Data Security and Confidentiality Guidelines for HIV, Viral Hepatitis, Sexually Transmitted Disease, and Tuberculosis Programs: Standards to Facilitate Sharing and Use of Surveillance Data for Public Health Action](#) for legal requirements and best practices for protecting HIV/AIDS surveillance data.