MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

This is an official
MS Health Alert Network (HAN) Alert

MESSAGE ID:	**MSHAN-202100913-00537-ALT (Health Alert)**
RECIPIENTS:	**All Physicians, Hospitals, ERs, ICPs, NPs, and Healthcare Providers – Statewide**
	Monday, September 13, 2021
SUBJECT:	**Modification to Required Reporting of All COVID-19 Related Deaths to Include Information Regarding Deaths in Pregnancy**

- The Mississippi State Department of Health has received reports of increased numbers of deaths among pregnant women due to COVID-19 infection.
- As of September 12, 2021, there have been 14 reported COVID-19 associated deaths in pregnant women since the beginning of the pandemic, with at least six of the deaths occurring since August 1, 2021. Additional deaths in pregnant women since August 1, 2021, are under investigation.
- The Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) currently requires all healthcare providers and healthcare facilities to report all COVID-19 associated deaths to MSDH.
- **To better determine the impact of COVID-19 on pregnant women, MSDH is asking healthcare providers and facilities to explicitly report if the death is in a pregnant woman or in the postpartum period, if the infection occurred while still pregnant.**
- **For all COVID-19 associated deaths in pregnant women or deaths occurring in the postpartum period if the infection occurred while still pregnant, also report the following data elements:**
  - **Estimated date of delivery.**
  - **Gestational Age at time of death.**
  - **Date of birth and age of pregnant woman at time of death.**
  - **Date of positive COVID-19 test and type of test.**
  - **Onset of illness.**
  - **Hospitalization status and date of admission.**
  - **Underlying medical conditions (i.e., gest DM, obesity, preeclampsia, HTN, etc.).**
  - **Status of infant (live birth, fetal death, spontaneous abortion), if delivered prior to death.**
  - **Date of delivery, if delivered prior to death.**
  - **Mode of delivery, if delivered prior to death.**

 To report a COVID-19 associated death, including deaths in pregnant women, please contact the MSDH Office of Epidemiology at 601-576-7725 (601-576-7400 after hours or on weekends), or you may fax the report to the Office of Epidemiology at 601-576-7497.

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When reporting a COVID-19 related death, please make sure to provide the patient's name and date of death. If faxing the report, please also include the patient's positive lab result if available.

Please include the name of the person reporting and a contact number in the event additional details are needed.

Regards,

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Alerting Message Specification Settings

Originating Agency:	Mississippi State Department of Health
Alerting Program:	MS Health Alert Network (MS HAN)
Message Identifier:	MSHAN-20210913-00537-ALT
Program (HAN) Type:	Health Alert
Status (Type):	Actual ()
Message Type:	Alert
Reference:	MSHAN-00537
Severity:	Unknown
Acknowledgement:	No
Sensitive:	Not Sensitive
Message Expiration:	Undetermined
Urgency:	Undetermined
Delivery Time:	600 minutes

Definition of Alerting Vocabulary and Message Specification Settings

Originating Agency:	A unique identifier for the agency originating the alert.
Alerting Program:	The program sending the alert or engaging in alerts and communications using PHIN Communication and Alerting (PCA) as a vehicle for their delivery.
Message Identifier:	A unique alert identifier that is generated upon alert activation (MSHAN-yyymmdd-hhmm-TTT (**ALT=Health Alert**, **ADV=Health Advisory**, **UPD=Health Update**, **MSG/INFO=Message/Info Service**).
Program (HAN) Type:	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.
Health Info Service:	Provides Message / Notification of general public health information; unlikely to require immediate action.

Status (Type):

	Actual:	Communication or alert refers to a live event
	Exercise:	Designated recipients must respond to the communication or alert
	Test:	Communication or alert is related to a technical, system test and should be disregarded

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Message Type:

Alert:	Indicates an original Alert
Update:	Indicates prior alert has been Updated and/or superseded
Cancel:	Indicates prior alert has been cancelled
Error:	Indicates prior alert has been retracted

Reference: For a communication or alert with a Message Type of "Update" or "Cancel", this attribute contains the unique Message Identifier of the original communication or alert being updated or cancelled. "n/a" = Not Applicable.

Severity:

Extreme:	Extraordinary threat to life or property
Severe:	Significant threat to life or property
Moderate:	Possible threat to life or property
Minor:	Minimal threat to life or property
Unknown:	Unknown threat to life or property

Acknowledgement: Indicates whether an acknowledgement on the part of the recipient is required to confirm that the alert was received, and the timeframe in which a response is required (Yes or No).

Sensitive:

Sensitive:	Indicates the alert contains sensitive content
Not Sensitive:	Indicates non-sensitive content

Message Expiration: Undetermined.

Urgency: Undetermined. Responsive action should be taken immediately.

Delivery Time: Indicates the timeframe for delivery of the alert (15, 60, 1440, 4320 minutes (.25, 1, 24, 72 hours)).

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