



Exhibit G - CalCONNECT Cross-Jurisdictional Data Sharing Policy/Procedure

Purpose

This **CalCONNECT Cross-Jurisdictional Data Sharing Policy and Procedure** provides guidance to state and local public health staff regarding how CalCONNECT data can be shared across jurisdictions, in an authorized and secure manner.

Background

The implementation of CalCONNECT as a contact tracing tool to support disease surveillance efforts in California has introduced changes and, in general, increased efficiency in how state and local health jurisdiction staff access and share surveillance data. However, to date, the ability to share contact tracing data across jurisdictions was restricted, limiting public health activities.

Summary

- CalCONNECT shall contain a “shared” disease list of conditions.
- Participating Local Health Jurisdictions (LHJs) shall be included in a “shared” jurisdiction grouping.
- Designated individuals from participating LHJs shall be granted a read-only user account with permissions to access the “shared” disease list of conditions, and the “shared” jurisdiction conditions, to allow these users read-only access to the shared disease data from their own and the other participating jurisdictions.
- Participating LHJs also acknowledge that disease specific CalCONNECT Data will also be coming from other CDPH databases like CAIR and CalREDIE and across all participating counties once the LHJ agrees to participate in a “shared” jurisdiction grouping. However, in all instances, CDPH will only be sharing CalCONNECT Data from participating LHJs that are both “necessary and relevant” for purposes of contact tracing, case investigation and for examining the causes of the Contagious Infectious, or Communicable or Reportable Diseases and Conditions, to ascertain the nature of the disease or condition and to prevent its spread that directly or indirectly relates to an individual.

Shared Disease Grouping

- A list of disease conditions in CalCONNECT shall be included in a “shared” disease list of conditions for participating LHJs.
 - To pilot this effort, CalCONNECT will start with covid-19, tuberculosis, mpox, and STD/HIV. The corresponding list of disease conditions in CalCONNECT are:
 - Covid-19 case
 - Covid-19 contact
 - Tuberculosis case
 - Tuberculosis contact
 - STD/HIV case ¹
 - STD/HIV contact ¹
 - Mpox case
 - Mpox contact
 - If these conditions undergo name changes in the CalCONNECT application, they will

¹ For information related to either STD/HIV, all individuals must sign the confidentiality requirement form specific to HIV/AIDS prior to accessing the data.



continue to be included in the shared disease list of conditions.

- Additional diseases may be added to this disease list of conditions, at the request of the California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO) and upon review and approval of CDPH.

Shared Jurisdiction Grouping

- Participating Local Health Jurisdictions (LHJs) shall be included in a “shared” jurisdiction grouping in CalCONNECT.
 - Local Health Officers (LHOs) may “opt-in” to participate in cross-jurisdictional data sharing, which means that they agree to share their LHJ’s data for the “shared” disease conditions with other participating LHJs.
 - To opt-in to cross-jurisdictional data sharing, the Local Health Officer must complete, sign, and submit to the CalCONNECT Help Desk, the attached form, CalCONNECT Cross- Jurisdictional Data Sharing Authorization Form, authorizing to share, in a read-only fashion, with other participating LHJs their data for the conditions in the shared disease grouping.

Designated Users

- Designated individuals from participating LHJs shall be granted a read-only user account with permissions to access the “shared” disease grouping and the “shared” jurisdiction grouping. These read-only accounts will allow designated users read-only access to their data and the data from the other participating jurisdictions.

Health Officer Emergency Authorities

LHOs have general broad authority to take all measures necessary to prevent the spread of disease:

H&SC section 120175. The Local Health Officer, having reason to believe that any case of a communicable disease exists within his/her jurisdiction, has the authority to take measures necessary to prevent the spread of the disease.

17 CCR section 2502, a regulation which discusses LHO required gathering of individual case reports and weekly morbidity reports for certain reportable diseases and submission of these reports to CDPH, provides for instances when an LHO may share this infectious disease reportable data with another LHO, including, to determine the existence of a disease, its cause, or the measures necessary to stop its spread or, for purposes of his/her investigation, as may be necessary to prevent the spread or occurrence of additional cases:

(f) Confidentiality. Information reported pursuant to this section is acquired in confidence and shall not be disclosed by the local health officer except as authorized by these regulations, as required by state or federal law, or with the written consent of the individual to whom the information pertains or to the legal representative of that individual.

(1) A health officer shall disclose any information, including personal information, contained in an individual case report to state, federal or local public health officials in order to determine the existence of a disease, its likely cause or the measures necessary to stop its spread.

(2) A health officer may for purposes of his or her investigation disclose any information contained in an individual case report, including personal information, as may be necessary to prevent the spread of disease or occurrence of additional cases.



1. Opt-in – To be completed by the Health Officer

I, Henning Ansorg, MD, authorize Santa Barbara County Health Department of Public Health data for all Contagious, Infectious, Communicable or Reportable Diseases and Conditions (as defined in the Data Use and Disclosure Agreement of the CalCONNECT System)(hereinafter "Diseases and Conditions") in CalCONNECT to be shared with jurisdictions participating in CalCONNECT cross-jurisdictional data sharing (hereinafter "Shared Jurisdictions") for the purpose of examining the causes of the Diseases and Conditions, and to ascertain the nature of the Diseases or Conditions to prevent its spread. I also acknowledge that an individual's patient history as it may relate to all Diseases and Conditions may be shared as necessary, with all other jurisdictions participating which may include lab test results, contacts, prior history and exposure etc. I further attest, that by executing this document, I understand that all information related to any individual that my county collects in the CalCONNECT system, which may include symptoms and conditions, will be visible to the other Shared Jurisdictions.

Name (Print)

Title

E-mail

2. Health Officer Approval

Henning Ansorg, MD

Name (Print)

Name (Signature)

Date

3. Delegate authorization

The Health Officer (above) appoints the following Authorized Representative to add CalCONNECT System User(s) for Shared Jurisdiction User(s).

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