

**Q When does this new process take effect?**

**A** Please start using the form immediately. The form is also required retroactively for all positive tests beginning July 6, 2020. The statute specifies those retroactive notifications are due no later than October 17, 2020.

**Q Do I need to fill out a form for every case?**

**A** You can input multiple notifications into a single form.

**Q If I previously used the form to notify you of a positive test for a work-related case, do I need to file a claim?**

**A** Yes, the law requires the notifications to include different information from a claim report, so both are needed.

**Q Do I need to submit a notification via the form if I have already submitted a claim?**

**A** Yes, the law requires the notifications to include different information from a claim report, so both are needed.

**Q Do I need to submit a notification of a positive test if the employee is not alleging that their positive test is work related?**

**A** Yes. The notification is required even if the employee's case isn't work-related.

**Q The bill states for purposes of this type of reporting, the employer shall not provide any personally identifiable information. What information is needed?**

**A** The notification form includes all the required information.

**Q How does this affect my specific claim?**

**A** We handle each claim in accordance with the facts of the case, policies in force and relevant laws and regulations. For information on a specific claim, contact your Amerisure Workers' Compensation Claims Specialist.

## **MORE INFORMATION**

Visit the California legislative information site to read the bills:

- ▶ [SB 1159: Workers' compensation: COVID-19: critical workers](#)
- ▶ [State of California SB 1159 FAQ](#)
- ▶ [AB 685: COVID-19: imminent hazard to employees: exposure: notification: serious violations](#)
- ▶ [State of California AB 685 FAQ](#)