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Public Comment

Per the published notice, "The Department undertakes this rulemaking pursuant to its duty to protect the health and safety of employees arising out of and in the course of employment"

Please clarify the reporting requirement as it applies to the workplace. Currently, we are required to report all positive reports by employees, including those where employees are 100% teleworking. We have been notified that this reporting is required regardless of potential for exposure in the workplace.

Community acquired exposure to SARS-CoV 2 and positive reports of COVID 19 should not be included in workplace reporting of illness and exposures. Therefore, I request that the NMED modify the recordkeeping and reporting to clarify reporting of an employee tested positive for the novel coronavirus be limited to workplace exposures.

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