



Quality Control Unit

Data Alert – 2026-22

Timeliness Extension for 2026 Cases

As of September 2026, the California Cancer Registry (CCR) is still in the process of receiving vendor software test files for transmission approval of records with a 2026 date of diagnosis.

To allow facilities sufficient time to prepare for reinstatement, the CCR timeliness requirements for cases diagnosed in 2026 are suspended through January 2027. *This suspension applies to all reporting facilities, and the Hospital Completeness and Timeliness Report will be retroactively corrected to reflect this change.*

Timeliness requirements will resume on February 1, 2027.

- Cases diagnosed in 2026, with first contact between January 1 and August 31, 2026, and received by February 1, 2027, that do not meet the “On Time” timeliness standard (within 6 months) will be excluded from CCR timeliness requirements.
- All other cases are subject to the CCR timeliness standard, as outlined in Volume I: Timeliness and Quality Control. **Reminder:** Cases first identified in 2025 should have been received within six months of the initial contact date. Cases exceeding the six-month limit are noncompliant.

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