

Memorandum

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To: DEPUTY DISTRICT DIRECTORS, Construction
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Subject: **MANDATORY VALLEY FEVER AWARENESS TRAINING FOR 2022**

This directive reminds that the annual Valley Fever awareness training must be taken for the year 2022 by June 1, 2022, by all Construction field employees who work in Valley Fever endemic counties. The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) field employees that do not work in Valley Fever endemic counties are encouraged to take the training to learn more about preventing Valley Fever.

California Labor Code Section 6709 requires construction employers to provide awareness training on Valley Fever to all employees who work at job sites in Valley Fever endemic counties by May 1, 2020, and annually thereafter, and before employees begin work that could cause substantial dust disturbance. Substantial dust disturbance creates airborne dust that is visible longer than one hour on any day. Counties are declared highly endemic if the annual rate of Valley Fever is greater than 20 cases for each 100,000 persons in a year. Currently, those counties are Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, Monterey, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Tulare, and Ventura. If a county is added to the state Department of Public Health list, the mandatory training will not apply in the initial year of that county's listing; however, the mandatory training will apply to employers in that county in the year after the county is listed as highly endemic.

Online training developed by Caltrans' Office of Health and Safety can be found at:

<https://hs.onramp.dot.ca.gov/valley-fever-awareness-online-training>

Click on *Access the Valley Fever Awareness Online Training* at the bottom of the page to begin the training. Your browser must be equipped with Adobe Flash to watch the training video. At the end of the 22-minute video training, a certificate of completion template is provided, which can be saved or printed as a PDF file. Employees and their

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supervisors must sign and date the certificate, which becomes part of the employee's training record. Do not use the LinkedIn Learning version as it will not generate a certificate of completion.

This training may be taken before registering for the training in the learning management system (LMS). To record this training in the LMS, you may self-certify to record the session in the LMS. The self-certification instructions are posted at:

<https://hs.onramp.dot.ca.gov/downloads/hs/files/VFA-Online-Training-Self-Certify-rev.pdf>

The CT LMS Training Coordinator mentioned in the instructions is your district construction training coordinator. For a list of statewide Construction training coordinators, go to:

<https://construction.onramp.dot.ca.gov/administrative-training-support/construction-training-coordinators>

To record your training for 30 minutes of work time into your timesheet, please enter the following: Unit: Yours, Project: Yours, Phase: N, Reporting Code: G101974, and Sub Object: 059.

Supervisors must ensure that their employees complete the training and training record by documenting the training in the LMS and signing the certificate of training by June 15. This will satisfy the requirement of the mandatory annual training of this year. However, the on-demand training will still be available to take at any time on the Health and Safety intranet site. A reminder to take the mandatory annual training will be sent before May 1 of the next year, and the LMS may send an auto-generated reminder.

If you have questions about this directive, please contact Phillip Phan, Division of Construction, at Phillip.Phan@dot.ca.gov or (916) 594-4849.