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Educational Event Invitation

Kern County Healthcare Provider – Valley Fever Symposium

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April 25, 2025

Kern County Public Health cordially invites our local healthcare providers to a free event regarding the diagnosis and treatment coccidioidomycosis (Valley Fever) in Kern County. CMEs available.

Valley Fever Healthcare Provider Symposium: From Dust to Disease

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Luigi's Restaurant and Delicatessen – Warehouse

725 East 19th Street, Bakersfield, CA 93305

Space is limited. Only a few seats left! Register online at: [Valley Fever Healthcare Provider Symposium: From Dust to Disease! Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at 6:00 PM](#)

Topics include:

- Local Valley Fever data
- History of Valley Fever
- Fungal ecology and morphology
- Valley Fever diagnosis, treatment, and follow-up
- Evaluation of Cocci meningitis
- A patient's healthcare journey
- Valley Fever Ambassadors and patient resources

Featured speakers include:

- Paul Rzucidlo, Assistant Division Director of Health Services
- Dr. Royce Johnson, Medical Director of the Valley Fever Institute and Division Chief of Infectious Disease
- Brynn Carrigan, Director of Public Health
- Dr. Kristopher Lyon, Health Officer and Emergency Medicine Physician
- Kimberly Hernandez, Division Director of Health Services

More details can be found [online](#) or in the attached flyer. If you have any questions, please contact Kern County Public Health by phone at 661-321-3000, via email at publichealth@kerncounty.com, or visit the [KCPH website](#).

Valley Fever Healthcare Provider Symposium **From Dust to Disease**

April 29, 2025 • 6:00 - 8:30 pm

The Warehouse at Luigi's Italian Delicatessen
725 E. 19th Street, Bakersfield, CA

Dinner will be provided.

Kern County has the highest rate of Coccidioidomycosis (Valley Fever) in the state and cases are on the rise. Join us to learn more about local epidemiology; clinical diagnosis, treatment, and follow up; and hear from the perspective of a Valley Fever survivor.

Accreditation: This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint partnership of Kern Medical Center and Kern County Public Health. Kern Medical Center is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

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<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/valley-fever-from-dust-to-disease-tickets-1146151452849>

Learning Objectives: After participating in this CME activity, attendees should be able to:

1. Differentiate the common and atypical clinical presentations of coccidioidomycosis to reduce misdiagnosis.
2. Discuss appropriate diagnostic strategies, including serological and radiographic testing, to confirm coccidioidomycosis in suspected cases.
3. Develop evidence-based management plans and determine referral criteria for patients requiring care from specialists.
4. Analyze epidemiological trends and risk factors to enhance early recognition of high-risk patients.

Target Audience: This course is intended for all healthcare providers in the Kern County and other community affected by coccidioidomycosis. This is a free event. Dinner will be provided.

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