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Good evening,

My name is Sherry Shaffer. I am mom to 3 boys. My first son, Logan, was born with a heart defect, Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome, that needed several open heart surgeries to survive. At the time there were only 2 places on the west coast that performed the surgeries that he needed. We could take him to Seattle Children's or we could go to Stanford in California.

We chose to have his surgeries at SCH. Logan was infected with aspergillus during his first open heart surgery. Logan passed away 7 weeks after he was infected.

I firmly believe that aspergillus should be a notifiable condition to the health department. It should be tracked and people be educated on this disease. No matter where the aspergillus is found, a hospital or any other care facility, the health department needs to be notified. Lives are impacted by this disease and we, as a people, should be aware of this so that decisions can be made with full knowledge.

Sincerely,
Sherry Shaffer