

## **Tri-County Health Department – Meaningful Use Declaration**

As the largest local health department in Colorado, it is our mission to protect, promote and improve the health, environment and quality of life for the 1,250,000 residents of Adams, Arapahoe and Douglas Counties.

As an [agency](#), we provide a vast array of services, including immunizations, family planning and prenatal care, nutrition services, disease control, restaurant inspections, assuring sanitation and providing birth and death records. We also collect, analyze and share important data about the health of the residents living in Adams, Arapahoe and Douglas Counties.

We are proud to support the health of all people in and around Adams, Arapahoe and Douglas Counties.

### **Tri-County Health Department Declaration of Readiness to Receive Syndromic Surveillance Data**

Tri-County Health Department (TCHD) is currently accepting electronic syndromic surveillance data from eligible hospitals in Adams, Arapahoe and Douglas Counties, seeking Meaningful Use Stage 2 (MU2) incentive payments. Three types of ongoing electronic data submission (i.e., syndromic surveillance, immunizations and reportable laboratory results) are mandatory objectives for eligible hospitals in Adams, Arapahoe and Douglas Counties under MU2. This notice deals only with syndromic surveillance data submission.

TCHD is proactively reaching out to hospitals in our 3 counties to invite participation in syndromic surveillance data submission to a secure website (maintained by the [Association of State and Territorial Health Officials](#)). TCHD hospitals that intend to meet MU2 Public Health syndromic surveillance data transmission objective must register their intent to do so with TCHD within 60 days of their MU2 reporting period. TCHD will facilitate hospitals testing and validating data transmission and provide acknowledgments to TCHD area hospitals that achieve ongoing syndromic surveillance data submission. Instructions on how hospitals send data will be sent once hospitals register their intent. Transmission of syndromic surveillance data may be done through the Colorado Regional Health Information Organization (Katie Kiefert at [kkiefert@cohrio.org](mailto:kkiefert@cohrio.org) or 720-285-3235) or directly through TCHD.

For more information on syndromic surveillance and working with Tri-County Health Department, please contact Yushiuan Chen at 720-200-1481 or [ychen@tchd.org](mailto:ychen@tchd.org).

For hospitals in Denver County wishing to participate in syndromic surveillance efforts, please contact Lourdes Yun at [lourdes.yun@dhha.org](mailto:lourdes.yun@dhha.org) or 303-602-3668.

Hospitals outside Adams, Arapahoe, Denver and Douglas counties are not currently required to submit syndromic surveillance data. For more information or to request an exemption letter, please contact Andrew Horvath at [Andrew.horvath@state.co.us](mailto:Andrew.horvath@state.co.us) or 303-692-2025.