

## Meaningful Use Stage 3 (MU3) Declaration for Syndromic Surveillance

Tri-County Health Department ([TCHD](#)) and [Denver Public Health \(DPH\)](#) co-jointly began participating in the NSSP in 2013 collecting the timely syndromic surveillance data for situational awareness and enhanced response to hazardous events and disease outbreaks. In the summer of 2016, the NSSP effort expanded to include [Boulder County Public Health](#) and [Jefferson County Public Health](#). In late 2019, TCHD partnered with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to support and expand the local Colorado Syndromic Surveillance (SyS) footprint. Ongoing expansion efforts include [Broomfield Health and Human Services](#), [Larimer County Public Health](#), [El Paso County Public Health](#), [Mesa County Public Health](#), [Pueblo County Public Health](#), [Montezuma County Public Health Department](#), La Plata County and [San Juan Basin Public Health](#). The syndromic surveillance partnership in Colorado includes public health agencies and facilities (hospitals, freestanding Emergency Departments (ED), and urgent cares) from local jurisdictions along with close coordination with CDPHE.

Declaration of Readiness to Receive Syndromic Surveillance Data for MU3 Local Public Health Agencies (LPHAs) in local jurisdictions participating in syndromic surveillance are currently accepting electronic syndromic surveillance data from eligible hospitals, critical access hospitals, urgent cares and free standing emergency departments seeking MU3 incentive payments.

Area health care facilities (hospitals, free standing EDs and urgent cares) that intend to meet the MU3 public health syndromic surveillance data transmission objective must register their intent to do so with their county LPHA within 60 days of their MU3 reporting period. Based on MU3 requirements, the objective is to ensure that the eligible hospitals (EH) or critical access hospitals (CAH) are in active engagement with a public health agency to submit electronic public health data in a meaningful way using Certified Electronic Health Record Technology (CEHRT). If EH or CAH facilities choose syndromic surveillance as one of the core requirements for MU3, the measure for syndromic surveillance data reporting is that the EH or CAH is in active engagement with a public health agency to submit syndromic surveillance data from an urgent care setting. Please find objectives, measures, final rules, and other information about MU3 on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) website.

LPHAs will facilitate and support hospitals testing and validating data transmission and provide acknowledgment to area health care facilities (hospitals, free standing EDs and urgent cares) that achieve ongoing syndromic surveillance data submission based on the national MU3 requirements along with any additional data requirements for facilities submitting SyS data in Colorado. Instructions on how facilities send data will be provided once facilities register their intent and can also be found on the TCHD website. Transmission of syndromic surveillance data may be completed through the Colorado Regional Health Information Organization (Heather Culwell at [hculwell@corhio.org](mailto:hculwell@corhio.org) or 720-285-3202), and Quality Health Network (Cherie Schmitz at [cschmitz@qualityhealthnetwork](mailto:cschmitz@qualityhealthnetwork) or 970-248-0033) or directly through TCHD.

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