

2019

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 National Syndromic Surveillance Program (NSSP) in 2013 and in 2016, the NSSP effort expanded to include [Boulder County Public Health](#) and [Jefferson County Public Health](#). The syndromic surveillance partnership in the NSSP Colorado North Central Region (NSSP CO-NCR) includes local public health agencies and facilities from Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties. **Declaration of Readiness to Receive Syndromic Surveillance Data for MU3**
Local Public Health Agencies (LPHAs) in the NSSP CO-NCR are currently accepting electronic syndromic surveillance data from eligible hospitals, critical access hospitals, and free standing emergency departments in Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties, seeking MU3 incentive payments.

NSSP CO-NCR area hospitals 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.

NSSP CO-NCR LPHAs will facilitate and support hospitals testing and validating data transmission and provide acknowledgment to area hospitals 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 hospitals send data will be provided once hospitals 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 or 720-285-3202) or directly through TCHD.

For more information on syndromic surveillance and working with your LPHA, please contact:

- Tri-County Health Department (Adams, Arapahoe, and Douglas Counties): Yushiuan Chen at ychen@tchd.org or 720-200-1481
- Denver County: Seth Foldy at Seth.Foldy@dhha.org or 303-602-4485
- Boulder County: Talia Brown at tlbrown@bouldercounty.org or 303-441-1329
- Jefferson County: Christine Billings at cbilling@co.jefferson.co.us or 303-271-8394
- Facilities outside of the counties listed above, please contact Andrew Horvath from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment at andrew.horvath@state.co.us or 303-692-2025