What is NEW for 2015 in DIDE Surveillance?

Disease Information

- Laboratory testing of selected vaccine-preventable diseases (VPDs) is performed out-of-state. For guidance, see http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/oeps/disease/IBD_VPD/VPD/documents/vpd-reference-testing.pdf

- Most VPDs are reportable within 24 hours of diagnosis. Please remind your healthcare providers about the importance of timely reporting and investigation.

- Diseases with recently updated case definitions – arboviral disease, invasive *H. influenzae* disease, meningococcal disease, campylobacter, and dengue.

- Hepatitis B Protocol – updated in January 2015

- Measles Protocol and Disease Information – undergoing revision

- A *Quick Surveillance Guide for Infectious Diseases* is being developed by DIDE as part of a Quality Improvement (QI) project. The *Guide* should be available by the end of the year.

Disease Reports

- DIDE has started closing reporting year 2014. If you have 2014 cases that are still open and/or incomplete, please complete these reports as soon as possible.

- The following reportable conditions have the following measure added, ‘*Date of Public Health Action*’: Please make sure this measure is completed during an investigation.
  - Measles
  - Pertussis
  - Invasive Meningococcal Disease
  - Mumps
  - Rubella
  - Hepatitis B, Acute
  - Botulism
  - Hepatitis A
  - Shiga-toxin producing E. coli (STEC)
  - Tularemia

- Completeness and timeliness of disease reports will be monitored and evaluated on a regular basis. Results and findings will be posted at http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/oeps/disease/Surveillance/Pages/default.aspx

- Beginning this month, weekly disease summary will be posted on the DIDE website at http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/oeps/disease/Surveillance/Pages/default.asp

- Updates on surveillance and evaluation summaries will be available by the middle of the year.
WVEDSS

- There are changes to the Food and Waterborne disease investigation (WVEDSS) forms (posted on website). For details, please see Suzanne’s email sent in January 2015.

- WVEDSS Report function is now able to generate reports. For assistance with this function, please contact your Regional Epidemiologist or Leena Anil.

- Don’t forget to complete the security trainings and confidentiality agreement to gain and maintain access to WVEDSS.

Electronic Laboratory Reports

- Validation of the first ELR laboratory (LabCorp) is almost complete. Following validation, paper reports (sent via fax, mail, etc.) from LabCorp will cease.

- Other laboratories are in queue for ELR submission.

- Laboratories that have not been validated will continue to send reports via the usual route (fax, mail).

- Laboratories are still expected to call the health department for conditions that are IMMEDIATELY notifiable.

- Impact of ELR on local health department:
  - More timely disease notification. DIDE will review ELRs and ‘open’ an investigation.
  - **LHD staff will need to check WVEDSS DAILY to view investigations assigned to his/her jurisdiction.**
  - Minimize duplicate reporting - Laboratory reports received via ELR will not be faxed.
  - Decrease volume of manual entry of laboratory reports.

- An orientation to ELR (via webinar) is planned for the upcoming weeks. Details to follow.