

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.