

Alabama Department of Public Health

Syndromic Surveillance

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The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) is currently accepting Syndromic Surveillance (SS) data from Eligible Hospitals (EHs) and Eligible Providers (EPs) for Emergency Department/Urgent. EHs are required to generate and transmit ADT HL7 2.5.1 messages that comply with the standard SS HL7 2.5.1 messaging guide specified in the ONC final rule and ADPH's supplemental messaging guide. ADPH utilizes CDC's BioSense 2.0 software for SS, so the SS interface will be directly between the Hospital/Provider and BioSense 2.0, and the method of transport for SS messages is sFTP.

ADPH has had the capability of receiving SS data since January 2013. Facilities needing to attest prior to then were eligible to claim an exemption for Syndromic Surveillance.

Eligible Providers: ADPH is currently unable to receive Syndromic Surveillance data from Eligible Providers due to BioSense 2.0, the CDC system used by Alabama for Syndromic Surveillance, has not been cleared by the CDC to accept messages from ambulatory care settings. Eligible Providers should choose to send Immunization data to ADPH. Those providers who do not give Immunization shots may claim an exemption for Syndromic Surveillance at this time. We encourage all EPs to register on our MU website so that they can be notified when ADPH is ready to receive Syndromic Surveillance data.