



Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH)

Electronic Lab Reporting (ELR) Updates

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1. Electronic Lab Reporting (ELR) System

Recommendation:

Increase IT staff to support SNHD data ingestion into their electronic lab reporting system TriSano.

Progress:

As of August 7th, IT staff are examining every instance of import error into NBS to mitigate future errors.

The Division is currently evaluating funding options for this MSA Contractor position.

2. Regulatory Authority

Recommendation:

Utilize regulatory authority to require all laboratories doing business in Nevada to be licensed. Licensure reciprocity with other states for out of state labs.

Progress:

OPHIE team members are joining weekly nation-wide COVID-19 electronic laboratory reports (CELR) conference calls, Thursdays 1-2pm. One of the purposes of these calls is to discuss the potential to onboard labs to a nationwide system that would streamline reporting and minimize the efforts individual states need to take to on-board labs for ELR. Representatives from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and NEDSS-based System/NBS (communicable disease registry representatives) are on these calls.

State Epidemiologist is drafting technical bulletin to notify labs of potential enforcement measures that will be taken, if lab is deemed non-compliant with Nevada law reporting requirements.

3. Commercial labs experiencing delays in processing and transmitting electronic lab

Recommendation:

Impose penalties for failure to report.

Progress:

The Division is drafting policy and procedure and Report of Finding/Plan of Correction template that OPHIE can use to issue citations for violations of the medical laboratory reporting requirements in NAC 441A.

The goal of this policy and procedure is to bring the medical laboratory into compliance with the reporting requirements. This framework will allow the Division to move forward in issuing these citations.

The Division's regulatory Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance (HCQC) assisted OPHIE in developing citation templates for OPHIE to complete and provide to labs that are not reporting.

Related to lab delay, but not laboratory compliance: Inductive Health (IH) migrated the data system to a cloud-environment this weekend. This measure, in addition to other measures IH has taken, will ensure that labs can be processed rapidly and that we do not develop a backlog from the lab -> NBS. Resolved numerous rejected labs from a high-volume lab company in northern Nevada, daily processing is now occurring.

4. Develop and promote a webpage dedicated to providing information on:

- Lab reporting
- Contact info for ELR staff
- Forms for ELR
- Description of penalties if labs are not reporting timely

Progress:

The Division is in the process of establishing a webpage to provide the listed information.