



Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) Electronic Lab Reporting (ELR) Updates October 8, 2020

1. Electronic Lab Reporting (ELR) System

Recommendation:

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

Progress:

- No new updates regarding IT staff support.

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:

- Office of Public Health Investigation and Epidemiology Unit (OPHIE) staff are continuing to participate in weekly nation-wide conference calls that include discussing 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.
- The Division finalized a template for providers across the state to use to report labs via secure email until they are setup with ELR. This template will assist with quality of lab reporting to include ensuring core elements are included to include type of machine being used, county the resident resides in, etc. The template is available on the OPHIE website.

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

Recommendation:

Impose penalties for failure to report.

Progress:

- The Division finalized the draft 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.
- No warning emails have been sent since early September. All labs are working with the State and Inductive Health to onboard accordingly.

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 has established a webpage to provide the listed information.

[http://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/Office_of_Public_Health_Informatics_and_Epidemiology_\(OPHIE\)/](http://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/Office_of_Public_Health_Informatics_and_Epidemiology_(OPHIE)/)