



Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) Electronic Lab Reporting (ELR) Updates October 22, 2020

1. Electronic Lab Reporting (ELR) System

Recommendation:

Implementation of EpiTrax as state-wide ELR system.

Progress:

DPBH Office of Information Technology (OIT) support staff are working closely with SNHD IT staff to plan for the state-wide transition to the new lab and disease reporting system (EpiTrax) in 2021.

2. Regulatory Authority and Penalties for Failure to Report

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.
- Impose penalties for failure to report.

Progress:

- Since the finalization of the template and policy surrounding penalties that could be imposed last month, overall DPBH has experienced positive results and compliance when working with labs.
- Licensure reciprocity with other states for out of state labs has not been necessary because all labs are working directly with our state to onboard or comply with our reporting requirements.
- Warning email was sent to a lab on 10/6/2020. This lab immediately reacted and worked with our IT department and Inductive Health to become fully compliant.

3. 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. Recommendation has been fully implemented and no further updates anticipated.

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