



Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH)
Electronic Lab Reporting (ELR) Updates
November 12, 2020

1. Electronic Lab Reporting (ELR) System

Recommendation:

Implementation of EpiTrax as state-wide ELR system.

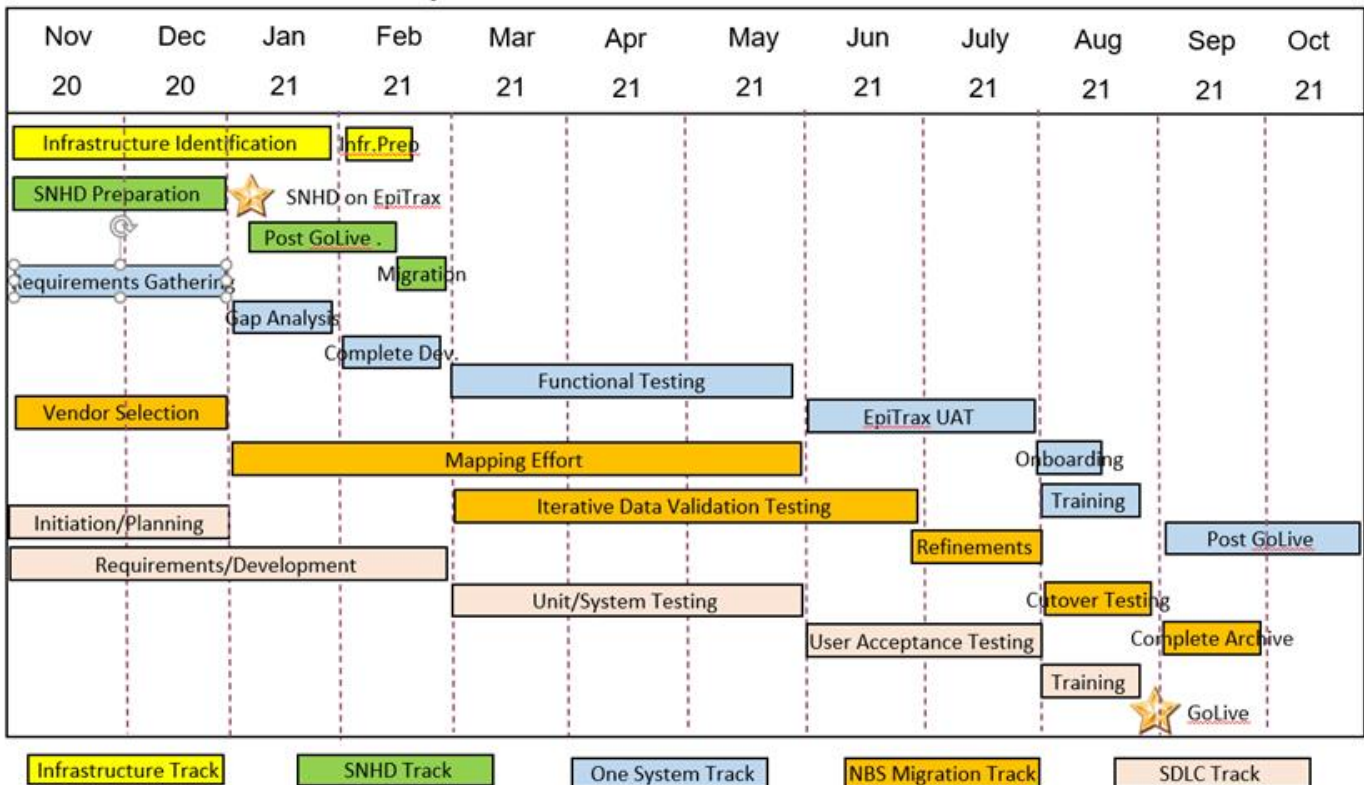
Progress:

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.

- Several stakeholder meetings are held weekly
- Data clean-up plan is being finalized – this will allow for data to be cleaned in NBS so transfer to EpiTrax goes as smoothly as possible
 - Cleaning data in NBS will help limit data transfer failures and duplications of case records

Anticipated Timeline:

Implementation Time-Line



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 11/6/2020. This lab immediately reacted and is currently working with our IT department and Inductive Health to become fully compliant.

3. Lab Reporting Timeliness and Backlog Challenges

- DPBH is working with the Governor's Office and Department of Emergency Management to address backlogs to the Nevada State Public Health Laboratory.
 - Activity 1: Redirect the Department of Corrections (DOC) testing. DPBH is working to redirect CRF from savings in other areas to private testing for DOC to Quest. The anticipated work order is for \$10 million to support 100,000 molecular tests. This funding ends on December 30, 2020.
 - Activity 2: Assess reporting issues. There appears to be delays from the point of result generation to notification to both the clinician and public health. The delay can range from 24-hours from the resulting to reporting, to longer if a paper record is transmitted. DPBH, NSPHL, and the local public health officials are assessing bottlenecks and possible solutions.
- Elko Ag Lab – Initial meeting held with Elko's medical team, HCQC, OPHIE & Caleb Cage on 11/6 to discuss what measure would need to be taken to turn Elko's Ag lab into a medical lab. Follow-up meeting scheduled for 11/10 at 3pm.