



Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) Electronic Lab Reporting (ELR) Updates November 19, 2020

1. Electronic Lab Reporting (ELR) System

Recommendation:

Implementation of EpiTrax as state-wide ELR system.

Progress: *No new updates to report from last week.*

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:

- No warning emails have been sent to labs with compliance issues since 11/6/2020.

3. Lab Reporting Timeliness and Backlog Challenges

- DPBH is continuing to work 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.
 - **Update: This \$10,000,000 work order is moving forward and is in the signature process.**
 - 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.
 - **Update: The State Epidemiologist is providing lab results from NSPHL directly to counties through SFTP. This eliminates the delay on the data processing portion (Inductive Health -> NBS).**
- Elko Ag Lab – **update:** DPBH is increasing the award for NSPHL so they can purchase testing equipment for Elko (~\$420,000). Initially the equipment will be placed in the hospital at Elko. It eventually might move to the Ag Lab.