



Public Health Data Systems Task Force

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Meeting Agenda

- Call to Order/ Roll Call
- Opening Remarks / Public Health Hearing Recap
- Review Surveillance Discussion Guiding Questions
- Discussion
- Next Steps
- Public Comment
- Adjourn

Public Health Data Systems Task Force Roster



Name	Organization
Janet Hamilton (Co-Chair)	Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists
Carolyn Petersen (Co-Chair)	Individual
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Name	Organization
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Health IT Advisory Committee (HITAC) Public Health Data Systems (PHDS) Task Force 2021

Charge – This Task Force will inform HHS’s response to President Biden’s Executive Order on Ensuring a Data-Driven Response to COVID-19 and Future High-Consequence Public Health Threats.

The PHDS Task Force shall:

1. Identify and prioritize policy and technical gaps associated with the effectiveness, interoperability, and connectivity of information systems relevant to public health. This would include a focus on surveillance systems, infrastructure improvements, health equity, clinical engagement, research and innovation, educating and empowering individuals.
2. Identify characteristics of an optimal future state for information systems relevant to public health and their use.

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HITAC Public Health Hearing – Recap Discussion



Surveillance Discussion Guiding Questions

Surveillance Discussion Guiding Questions

Data Standards

- For the key surveillance use cases, what major gaps exist in health standards that prevent data from flowing between clinical and public health entities? What additional standards might need to be developed, further tested, or harmonized?

Surveillance use cases include but are not limited to: Testing, Case Reporting, Syndromic Surveillance, Immunization

Surveillance Discussion Guiding Questions

Sharing, Use, Linking, and Integrating Data

- What real and/or perceived barriers exist that continue to inhibit progress in integrating multiple public health, social services, and clinical data sources while responding to public health emergencies?
- From a technology and infrastructure perspective?
- From a policy, licensing, and legal perspective?
- From a patient privacy, digital access, and social justice standpoint?
- Federal vs state/local?

Surveillance Discussion Guiding Questions

Health equity and surveillance systems

- How do we ensure that surveillance systems adequately identify potential sources of bias and health inequity and address health equity?
- What streamlined data sharing between social services and public health could enhance surveillance efforts and overall emergency response? What, if any, work would be needed to ensure accommodation of individuals' desire for and right of access to protected health information?

Surveillance Discussion Guiding Questions

Case Reporting

- How can we reduce the manual public health reporting burdens for providers across the care continuum and support services? What steps and incentives are needed to scale automated methods of case reporting (i.e., eCR)?
- For large hospitals/provider networks?
- For long term care and support services?
- For community providers?



Discussion & Next Steps

PHDS Task Force Meeting Schedule

Meeting Dates	Discussion Topics
May 6, 2021	Kickoff/Introductions
<i>May 13, 2021*</i>	<i>HITAC Public Health Hearing</i>
May 20, 2021	Public Health Surveillance Discussion
May 27, 2021	Public Health Surveillance Discussion (continued)
June 3, 2021	Public Health Infrastructure Improvements Discussion
June 10, 2021	Public Health Infrastructure Improvements Discussion (continued)
June 17, 2021	Research/Innovation Discussion
June 24, 2021	Engaging and Empowering Individuals and Providers/Clinicians
July 1, 2021	Catch up/Recommendations Prep



PHDS Task Force Meeting Schedule

Meeting Dates	Discussion Topics
July 8, 2021	Finalize Recommendations
<i>July 14, 2021</i>	<i>Recommendations Presented to HITAC</i>

PHDS Task Force Next Steps

Surveillance Discussion Guiding Questions – Survey Monkey

- Complete Survey Monkey surveillance discussion questions discussed today.
- Additional surveillance discussion questions will be added to Survey Monkey Friday, May 21, 2021.
 - Task force members will receive link to additional questions on Friday.
- Submit responses via Survey Monkey on **Tuesday, May 25 by 10 a.m. EST.**

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