

MLS Laboratory Update:

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Purpose of this Message:

To alert partner laboratories of a webinar series on public health reporting interoperability options.

Action Item:

Collect your peers and join us for the webinar on January 27, 2022 at 12 PM (CT) that will highlight electronic ordering and reporting options available with the Infectious Disease Lab (IDL).

Background:

Our teams at the Minnesota Department of Health have been working on ways to better share information from and with our external partners through improved interoperability. MDH has an ongoing webinar series to share information on public health reporting interoperability options to reduce administrative reporting burden, meet CMS public health reporting requirements and improve data quality. Please share this information with your team members and join us for any or all of the lunch webinar series, already underway. Each webinar will highlight a different use case. You are welcome to join any or all of the webinars, but we would especially invite you to our session on **January 27** for electronic lab order/result options with the Infectious Disease Laboratory (IDL). We would like to share what is new and how IDL is aligning with MDH's Interoperability Strategy. The following week (February 3rd) will be a presentation from our Newborn Screening (NBS) Laboratory.

This MDH Interoperability Series information can also be found at: [MDH Interoperability Webinar Series \(www.health.state.mn.us/data/interoperability/webinar.html\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/data/interoperability/webinar.html). Return to this webpage for updated webinar materials and recordings you may have missed.

Additional Information:

This Webinar Series is **free** and intended for IT and clinical staff who collect, use and share information for the use cases listed below at hospitals, health systems, local public health and laboratories including:

- IT project decision makers, IT Specialists, Interface Implementers, Clinical Informaticists
- Meaningful Use/Promoting Interoperability Coordinators, Infection Preventionists,
- Laboratorians, Laboratory Managers and Informaticists
- Trauma Program Managers, Clinical Managers, Community Health or Population Health Analysts
- Community Health Workers, Public Health Nurses, and Local Epidemiologists.

Each webinar will begin at noon with a 30-minute presentation followed by 15-minute Q&A. All materials will be shared with participants during the webinar. Previously recorded sessions are also available for later viewing at [MDH Interoperability Webinar Series \(www.health.state.mn.us/data/interoperability/webinar.htmlstate.mn.us\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/data/interoperability/webinar.htmlstate.mn.us).

At each webinar learn:

- ✓ How the featured use case option benefits you, your organization, and your patients
- ✓ What MDH uses the information for, including population and community health
- ✓ Which partners are expected to submit information to MDH for the featured use case and why?
- ✓ Details of the processes, priorities and specifications for implementing the featured use case
- ✓ How the featured use case aligns with MDH data strategy for improved interoperability
- ✓ Next steps for onboarding electronic sharing of information for the featured use case

Webinars will be recorded and transcribed. For a copy after the use case webinar, email health.dsi@state.mn.us.

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