



Office of Informatics and Analytics

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Greetings,

I would like to thank all of those supporting and participating in Drug Overdose Reporting (DOR). The information gathered from DOR is being used to better understand and address the opioid epidemic in the State of Tennessee.

Following the successful rollout of DOR to over 110 facilities in Tennessee, the Tennessee Department of Health (TDH) is updating DOR data reporting requirements and streamlining the data submission process:

- Based on trading partner feedback, TDH will begin implementing new Secure File Transfer Protocol (sFTP) functionality starting Tuesday January 14, 2020 and will completely retire DOR in REDCap by Tuesday June 30, 2020
- Based on the expected expansion of reportable conditions for DOR, TDH is adding additional Diagnosis codes for reporting drug overdoses. See complete list of codes effective January 2020 in the spreadsheet contained in the email.
- Based on DOR data quality review, TDH will be adding new data elements, standardizing some existing data elements and removing some data elements. New DOR file format is required to transition to sFTP.

Note: All facilities will need to meet both new DOR data reporting requirements and the sFTP transport method by Tuesday June 30, 2020.

Secure File Transfer Protocol

DOR facilities were asked to complete a sFTP survey to establish the facility's level of interest and timeline for adopting sFTP. TDH will utilize the survey along with other information to assist DOR facilities with the transition to sFTP. The additional sFTP functionality will allow facilities to automate their processes and reduce the burden of manual DOR submission.

In order to facilitate the upcoming transition from REDCap to sFTP, TDH will email the DOR points of contact to provide a checklist of what is needed for TDH to setup the sFTP folders and user accounts.

DOR Data Reporting Requirements

The reportable condition, Opioid Drug Overdose, will be expanded to Drug Overdose which will include Opioids, Stimulants, Benzodiazepines, and Muscle Relaxants. See complete list of codes effective January 2020 in the spreadsheet contained in the email. The codes will go into effect starting in January 2020 for the Submission period begin 1/5/2020 - Submission period ending 1/11/2020 which is due on January 14, 2020.

A new version of the DOR manual detailing data quality improvements including new data elements, the standardization requirement for existing fields and the fields that will be removed. The new version of the DOR manual is expected to be released in October 2019. TDH will be scheduling a series of webinars to review the new version of the DOR manual and highlight the new DOR data reporting requirements.

TDH values the relationship with our trading partners and hopes this information will help plan and schedule resources as needed to aid partners during this transition. Please direct your questions to TDH.Informatics@tn.gov with Drug Overdose Reporting in the subject line.

Sincerely,
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