

TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Syndromic Surveillance Messaging

Fact Sheet for Public Health Reporting

For more information, contact the Tennessee CEDEP Surveillance Systems & Informatics Program

The Communicable and Environmental Disease Services and Emergency Preparedness (CEDEP) section within the Tennessee Department of Health (TDH) has programmatic oversight of Syndromic Surveillance activities across the state. Currently, out of the 13 Tennessee Public Health regions, all 13 perform Syndromic Surveillance activities.

Syndromic surveillance is defined as public health surveillance emphasizing the use of timely pre-diagnostic data and statistical tools to detect and characterize unusual activity for further public health investigation. Syndromic surveillance uses individual and population health indicators which are available before confirmed diagnoses or laboratory confirmation to identify outbreaks or health events and monitor the health status of a community.

Tennessee’s Syndromic Public Health Reporting options:

CEHRT	Measure	Eligible Hospitals (EHs)	Eligible Clinicians (ECs)
2014	Syndromic Surveillance	X	
2015	Syndromic Surveillance	X	X

Use the [Certified Health IT Product List \(CHPL\)](#) to identify your CEHRT (Certified Electronic Health Record Technology) edition.

TDH declared readiness for Syndromic Surveillance reporting October 1st, 2015. At this time TDH is only accepting data submissions electronically from **“Eligible Hospitals” with “Emergency Departments” and “Eligible Clinicians” in “Urgent Care Settings”**.

For more information about Syndromic Surveillance in Tennessee, please contact the TDH Surveillance Systems and Informatics Program at (615) 532-6655 or CEDS.Informatics@tn.gov.

If you are interested in more information regarding other Public Health Reporting options, please visit: <https://tn.gov/health/topic/meaningful-use-summary> or contact the TDH Meaningful Use Coordinator at MU.Health@tn.gov.