

On Par with DOR

The Latest Drug Overdose Reporting News and Announcements

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A Letter from Our Director

Thank you for your continued support and engagement in the Tennessee Department of Health's (TDH) Drug Overdose Reporting (DOR) program. Your support and sustained reporting efforts have allowed us to continue providing vital information to leaders, decision-makers, and others around the state working to end the opioid crisis in our communities.

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, together we are working hard to continue drug overdose surveillance and inform prevention efforts. We recognize that the COVID-19 pandemic has strained partners' ability to sustain reporting efforts and the TDH Office of Informatics and Analytics appreciates your commitment and partnership.

Thank you for all you do.

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What's New?

2021 New ICD-10 Codes Update

Effective January 2021, the Drug Overdose Reporting (DOR) List of Reportable Diagnosis codes will include 36 new Opioid-related ICD-10-CM codes. This update reflects changes that have been made as a result of the ICD-10-CM Coordination and Maintenance Committee for the federal fiscal year 2021.

The T40.4X[1-4] coding structure for synthetic narcotics of unintentional, intentional self-harm, assault, and undetermined intent was revised. These changes allow for more specific reporting of drug overdoses involving synthetic opioids.

In particular, it will allow the TDH to identify drug overdoses involving fentanyl, which has become more important to understand as overdoses involving fentanyl have increased rapidly in the last five years.

Your hospital should have already begun including the 36 new codes when reporting drug overdoses to TDH starting January 3rd, 2021.

For more information and to obtain the full list of Reportable Diagnosis codes see the TDH Drug Overdose Reporting website. The 36 added ICD-10-CM codes are indicated with an asterisk.

Reporting Tips

- TDH is transitioning all current Trading Partners (TP's) reporting from REDCap to SFTP and the new format. Any **new TP's** will submit directly to SFTP. All TP's currently submitting via REDCap will, however, be migrated to SFTP by **September 30th**. Please note that TP's will no longer be able to report in REDCap after **September 30th**.
- When submitting files via SFTP, the naming convention **MUST BE in the following format**: DOR_Trading Partner_ID_DateTime (DateTime format YYYY-MM-DD-HHMMSS).
- The first row of the DOR file **MUST** contain all of the DOR column names. You cannot have extra rows after the last record.
- Each facility within an organization **MUST** report a "Zero Submission Record" when there are no patient records that meet the selection criteria for drug overdose during the submission period.
- When opening the Data Validation Detail File TDH recommends using Notepad or Notepad ++ (as opposed to Microsoft Excel). This is because Microsoft Excel will change your file's formatting and may cause issues when re-submitting records to TDH.



All opioid overdoses reported to the DOR data system increased 22% from 2019 to 2020 (7,113 and 8,682 respectively). All opioid overdoses also increased markedly during the months from May to July 2020 which coincided with the initial months of COVID-19 in TN. While all opioid overdoses increased during this period, overdoses were already trending upward as indicated by 2019 trends.

Click here for more [Overdose Facts & Figures](#) and the [2021 Overdose Annual Report \(to be released March 15th\)](#).

Useful Resources

[DOR Manual](#)

[DOR Reporting Website](#)

[The Error Handling Guide](#)

[Reportable Diseases Rules and Regulations](#)

Frequently Asked Questions

- **Whom do I contact if I have a question about the DOR reporting?**
Please send your questions to TDH.Informatics@tn.gov. Someone from our team will respond to your question as soon as possible.
- **How do I change the POC for the DOR Summary Report Email?**
Send an email to TDH.Informatics@tn.gov. Include POC Change for DOR Summary Report in the email subject.
- **Why am I seeing summary tables from previous submissions in my DOR – Summary Report?**
If summary tables from previous submission periods are displayed this indicates that further action may be necessary please contact TDH.Informatics@tn.gov for further review.
- **Where do I go to find out how to correct errors?**
Please refer to [The Error Handling Guide](#) to assist in identifying errors, resolving DOR errors or warnings, correcting errors, and/or resubmitting corrected records.

Reminders

Now more than ever, it is important for Tennessee's hospitals to report to TDH. We want to remind hospitals of their responsibility to continue reporting the reportable condition, [Drug Overdose](#), to TDH weekly.

Hospitals are required to report drug overdoses to TDH, regardless of the age of the patient experiencing the overdose or the intent, which includes prescription or illicit, intentional, undetermined, or accidental drug overdoses.

Full guidance on the Reportable Diseases Rules and Regulations can be found [here](#). If the COVID-19 pandemic is impacting your organization's normal operations and therefore affecting your ability to report to DOR weekly, please notify the DOR team at TDH.Informatics@tn.gov. Please include **DOR Reporting Impact** in the subject line of the email.

Also, the cleaning season is fast approaching, and as such TDH-OIA will begin our quarterly SFTP clean-up outlined in the DOR manual. During the quarterly SFTP clean-up process, TDH-OIA will be removing all but the last 4 weeks' worth of uploaded weekly validation files. As always, TDH-OIA retains a copy of all validation files that are created and are available upon request through TDH.Informatics@tn.gov.

Thank you for your continued partnership in reporting to the Tennessee Department of Health Drug Overdose Reporting system. Please any direct questions to TDH.Informatics@tn.gov