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COVID Reporting Requirement Changes

Following passage of the CARES Act, The US Department of Health and Human Services made mandatory the reporting of all testing related to COVID-19 through one of several approved electronic submission methods. (See guidance at: <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/covid-19-laboratory-data-reporting-guidance.pdf>) To achieve compliance with this mandate, the OSDH has collaborated with system designers at SpringML, a Google company, to create a reporting system for all testing of Oklahoma citizens for COVID-19. The system is nearly complete and will be launched by the end of October. At that time, **ALL** COVID-19 testing results will be reported **ONLY** via the SpringML system. Because COVID-19 is a mandatorily reportable disease, all providers that perform any form of testing for COVID-19 **MUST** be capable of submitting ALL test results through the new system.

We have worked hard with SpringML to provide a variety of reporting methods that can accommodate all of our testing partners in the state and throughout the nation. You will be able to submit in either HL7 or .csv (comma separated value) file formats, and can upload those files either through a designated application programming interface (API) or through a password-protected manual upload process. Regardless of the method used, all results will be entered into a comprehensive database, improving our use of the data and reducing reporting requirements for you.

Training opportunities for submission procedures will be provided for all testing partners before the switchover in reporting becomes mandatory. In preparation for that training, we are requiring that facilities accomplish two vital tasks **BEFORE 5:00 PM CDT on Monday October 5th**.

- First, you must obtain an authorization from the CDC for Object Identifier (OID) Entry. Instructions for completing this process are included below, and can be found online at: https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/cda/oid_assignment_procedure.pdf
- Secondly, you need to provide your OID to us, and notify us of which reporting method you intend to utilize. This can be done online, at: https://osdhsdc.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_73dvagsugWUk3z If your lab tests large volumes of samples, we would encourage you to either utilize the HL7 reporting method (either through an API or via manual upload), or to use .csv format with API submission. If your provider performs a relatively small number of tests, you may prefer to utilize manual entry into a .csv format, with conversion to HL7 format done by SpringML.

If you are uncertain which method will work best for your facility, a representative can join one or both of two virtual help sessions, scheduled for Wednesday September 30th at 11:00 am CDT, and Thursday October 1st at 3:00 pm CDT. If you process a large number of samples and have IT support to begin transition immediately, please plan on joining a session on Friday October 2nd, at 2:00 pm CDT for how to immediately begin the training process.

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Please use the below links to access the sessions. Please make sure to open link using Chrome browser.

- Thursday 10/01/2020 at 3:00 pm Central Time
 - [COVID Testing Requirements 100120](#)
- Friday 10/02/2020 at 2:00 pm Central Time
 - [COVID Testing Requirements 100220](#)

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We thank you for all you've done thus far in combatting COVID-19, and for your cooperation in this transition. After completing these two tasks, each facility will be provided access to online introduction to the chosen reporting method; provided a template for their chosen file format; and assigned to a training period for reporting personnel. To ensure adequate opportunity for training and data verification before the mandatory transition, it is essential that prompt attention be paid to all requests from OSDH regarding this matter. Responses on OID and preferred file format MUST be done **BEFORE 5:00 PM CDT on Monday October 5th**.

This message has been distributed to Laboratorians, Infection Preventionists, Urgent Care Centers, Emergency Departments, and State and Local Health Officials

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