

DATA STANDARDIZATION WORKGROUP

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Workgroup Charge: To convene epidemiologists and informaticians to develop consensus on common definitions for core surveillance data elements to address jurisdictional variation.

WORKGROUP ACTIVITIES

- Discussions about interpretation of a data element (or information) in **the same way**, whether it is referenced as part of reporting to CDC, in communication between states, or in analysis. The workgroup will cover data elements that span all infectious disease areas, including Epidemiology/Immunization/TB/STD/HIV
- The initial activities of the workgroup will focus on HL7-based reporting, starting with GenV2 variables. The first phase of the work will focus on **data elements associated with dates**
 - For example: Determining *MMWR* week for a case; using dates to determine residency, or which case definition should be applied (especially for longer-term/chronic diseases)
- The work will be done at a workgroup level with breakout to subgroups as the work progresses
- Workgroup members will participate in bi-weekly calls, and discussions will be facilitated by a consultant hired by CSTE

OUTPUTS RESULTING FROM WORKGROUP ACTIVITIES

- Documentation of the workgroup activities and the process
- Dissemination of results from assessments or surveys to the wider S/I group to gather information about current practices
- CSTE publication of any recommendations or consensus

TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORKGROUP

- **We invite members who are epidemiologists/ informaticians engaged in infectious disease surveillance activities at STLT departments to participate in the workgroup activities**
- **CSTE is actively seeking a consultant for the management of the workgroup. The consultant will engage in:**
 - Facilitating and leading discussions in workgroup/ sub-workgroup calls
 - Documenting workgroup processes and activities
 - Conducting assessments, developing recommendations/ consensus resulting from workgroup meetings
 - Presenting at 2018 CSTE Annual Conference Surveillance/ Informatics workshop

If you are interested in participating in workgroup activities, or have any recommendations for consultants for the workgroup, please contact Shaily Krishan at skrishan@cste.org

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