

The National Health Safety Network (NHSN) plans to send production SARS-CoV-2 result data through the AIMS Centralized ELR feed starting **Friday October 23 OR Monday October 26th** depending on the final outcome of end to end testing tomorrow. An update will be provided on APHL's COVID-ELR Open Jurisdiction call tomorrow at 4pm ET. Meeting details: Zoom- <https://aphl.zoom.us/j/96424421500> Meeting ID- 964 2442 1500 Dial in- 646-876-9923

IMPORTANT: All facilities actively enrolled in the NHSN will report through this Centralized ELR feed.

The attached spreadsheet contains all the information associated with NHSN testing facilities who are actively enrolled to date (8,992 facilities)- NHSN leads will update and APHL will distribute this list as more facilities enroll. This information can also be found as an attachment to the NHSN row on [APHL's published list of Centralized ELR reporters](#).

The NHSN PHA point of contact is NHSNCDA@CDC.gov

As a reminder, APHL is committed to alerting all PHAs as close to 48 hours as possible (if not more) when a new AIMS partner has completed their production readiness review and is cleared for production. If you would like to add people onto this announcement list or remove your name, please send reply to this email with your request.

Production Support and Information:

For Sending Lab Data Quality & Completeness:

Sending Lab Point of Contact/Email: NHSNCDA@CDC.gov

For AIMS technical connectivity, InterPartner, Transport and Routing:

AIMS Help Desk: Informatics.Support@aphl.org

The AIMS COVID ELR Reporters PHA informational page is updated regularly [here](#).

Reminders:

All SARS-CoV-2 ELR messages through AIMS will be:

1. Based on the [National Flat File Structure](#).
2. Transmitted in HL7 ELR 2.5.1 format.
3. Will include all required HHS data elements that do not break R1 processing rules.
 - a. PHAs who have indicated the ability to process additional data elements (AOEs etc.) will receive these data based on your AIMS configuration profile.
 - i. To update your current readiness to accept AOEs, full device identifiers etc. Please submit a ticket to informatics.support@aphl.org with the Subject Line:
<<insert PHA Name>> COVID Centralized ELR Configuration File Update
 2. Batched and routed to the appropriate PHA every 2 hours, sending up to 180 msgs./batch.
 - a. The receiving PHA will be responsible for ensuring local or regional public health teams have access to these data as they do with Quest ELR messages.

3. Sent to production.

PHAs are free to route messages to a holding queue or to a test environment if necessary- however, as discussed- APHL has been working with each provider on data quality and completeness.