

Special instructions for the initial connections:

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WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE:

For csv file users:

#1 AOE

- A) If you are using AIMS routing service you can populate the AOE columns with all data you have available; AIMS keeps a configuration for each PHA and will filter out AOE's that cannot be handled by the PHA, if applicable.
- B) If you are connecting to a jurisdiction directly, make sure you check, which of the AOE that jurisdiction can support and do not populate values for those they cannot support

AOE columns:

- *Patient_age*
- *Patient_age_units*
- *First_test*
- *Employed_in_healthcare*
- *Employed_in_high_risk_setting*
- *Patient_occupation*
- *Symptomatic_for_disease*
- *Illness_onset_date*
- *Disease_symptoms*
- *Hospitalized*
- *ICU*
- *Patient_location*
- *Resident_congregate_setting*
- *Patient_residency_type*
- *Pregnant*
- *Public_health_case_ID*
- *Travel_history*

#2 For the Device Identifier:

- A) If you are using AIMS routing service Copy any data you have in the following columns ALSO into the *Comments* column

Test_kit_EUA_ID

Test_kit_model_name

Test_kit_model_ID

Instrument_model_name

Instrument_model_ID

AIMS will truncate the value in the above noted columns to 19 characters and append with the truncation character # (to enable all PHAs that have a length restriction of 20 characters on OBX-17.1 to be able to process the message; copying the value also into the *Comments* column will help those PHAs retain the information, unless the PHAs have indicated they can handle.

AIMS will also remove any duplicate entries in OBX-17, unless the PHAs have indicated they can handle.

AIMS will also remove any data in OBX-18, unless the PHAs have indicated they can handle.

- B) If you are sending directly to a jurisdiction work with them on how to fill out the Device Identifier related columns.

#3 MSH-4.2 value MUST be a CLIA number (instead of an OID) – If you are using a CLIP# use it in MSH-4.2 and still use default value of 'CLIA' in MSH-4.3.

#4 Make sure that namespace elements do not exceed length of 20 characters (on the config tab) affecting these entries:

Name of the reporting facility

Name of the reporting system

Name of the organization that assigns the Patient Identifier (both instances)

Software Name

Receiving Application Name

Receiving Facility Name

#5 NY Employer reporting:

NY requires reporting of employer information as well as information about what school(s) the patient is attending – until we can update the csv file format:

Put the following information with these respective labels (all required) into *the Comments* field:

Employer Name/Name of School District:

Employer Street Address/School Name:

Employer or School City:

Employer or School State:

Employer or School ZIP Code:

Employer or School Phone Number:

Job Title: (use Student/Teacher/Staff/Volunteer, for school)

#6 Comments:

Make sure ALL comments are entered in the FIRST ROW for each specimen – the tool currently ONLY uses the data from that first row!

For HL7 users:

#1 For AOE

Exclude all AOE from the feed

#2 For the Device ID:

Populate OBX-17 and/or OBX-18 as you normally would, but please also create a NTE segment (ideally following the result OBX, but could be NTE under the OBR) with all information from OBX-17 and/or OBX-18 as well.

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Name of the reporting facility (MSH-4.1)

Name of the reporting system (MSH-3.1)

Name of the organization that assigns the Patient Identifier (both instances) (PID-3.4.1)

Software Name (SFT-3)

Receiving Application Name (MSH-5.1)

Receiving Facility Name (MSH-6.1)

#5: NY employer reporting requirements

NY requires reporting of employer information (not just schools) – so they will need to:

Create NK1 segment for these required elements:

NK1-5 (Relationship) = EMR^Employer^HL70063

*Employer Name/School District: **NK1-13 (Organization name)***

Employer Street Address/School Name: **NK1-4.1 (NK Street address)** use this for School name and **NK1-4.2 (NK Street address2)** put school's street address here

Employer or School City: **NK1-4.3 (NK City)**

Employer or School State: **NK1-4.4 (NK State)**

Employer or School ZIP Code: **NK1-4.5 (NK zip code)**

Employer or School Phone Number: **NK1-5.6 (NK Phone number.area code)** and **NK1-5.7 (NK Phone number.phone number)**

Job Title: (use Student/Teacher/Staff/Volunteer, for school) **NK1-10 (NK Job title)**

Alternatively you can send these as AOE's:

School name: 66280-9^School Name^LN; OBX-2 = ST

School district: 76469-6^Organization name^LN; OBX-2 = ST

BEDS Code: coding system for schools = <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/irs/beds/>:

OPTION 1 (preferred by HL7) = Using CX datatype:

96678-8^School code [ID]^LN, OBX-2 = CX – example OBX-5: 73335819^^^<NYSED>&<OID for New York State Education Department>&ISO^<"FI" – or we need a new ID type here to indicate this is a school ID>

OPTION 2: Use of 2 OBX segments with same OBX-4 content for linking to convey the ID and the assigning authority:

OBX|n|CWE|96678-8^School code [ID]^LN|1|131802990006^Astor Center (Residential Program in Rhinebeck)^99NYBEDS |....

OBX|n+1|ST|96679-6^School Identifier assigning authority^LN|1|New York State Education Department|....

School address: 96677-0^School Address^LN – OBX-2 = AD or XAD

Employer or School Phone Number: 96676-2^ Employer phone number ^LN – OBX-2 = TN or XTN

Attended school today: 94072-6^Attended school today^LN; OBX-2 = CWE, allowed answers: Y^Yes^HL70136, N^No^HL70136

Job classification: 63511-0^Are you working now, looking for work, retired, keeping house, a student, or what [PhenX]^LN; OBX-2 = ST, OBX-5 'Student', 'Faculty' or 'Staff' (even though the scale is coded that's what they expect for now)