

CSTE eCR Workgroup

Workgroup charge: To convene epidemiologists, informaticians, and other staff from state, local and territorial public health agencies (PHA) participating in Electronic Case Reporting (eCR) implementation activities, including other key stakeholders (CDC, APHL) to improve eCR reporting across all PHAs through informing policy and procedures via CSTE, as appropriate. To facilitate discussion, information sharing, and identifying best practices around processes related to eCR implementation, Healthcare Organization (HCO) production data, HCO testing practices, and PHA validation methods and procedures.

Participation:

- State, local and territorial PHAs, CDC, APHL, selected consultants participating in state or federal eCR implementation activities, CSTE staff
- PHA-led workgroup, to be represented by 2 PHA co-leads: Ann Kayser (MN), Melanie Epstein-Corbin (CA)

Workgroup discussion topics include:

- eCR onboarding/ implementation issues at PHA level
- eCR data quality validation issues at PHA level
- PHA experiences related to eCR implementation processes, and related differences based on surveillance systems
- Strategies for PHA leadership buy-in to support eCR
- Identification of resources/ support needed within PHAs for eCR implementation
- Inform eCR/ RCKMS Governance
- Advocate for eCR implementation efforts, identify successes

Note: Discussions may be conducted on Basecamp discussion threads and monthly calls

Outputs resulting from workgroup activities:

- Identify topics for elevation and discussion in the Electronic and Laboratory Disease Reporting (ELDRS) subcommittee, RCKMS Community of Practice, or RCKMS Coordination Group
- Provide organized feedback to CDC/ APHL about issues related to eCR onboarding/ implementation, eCR data quality validation issues at PHA level
 - Identify/ elevate topics to eCR Data Quality Subgroup, help inform eCR Data Quality call agendas
 - Provide unified PHA requests for technical assistance and improvements, including process changes
- Expand the community of PHA practitioners in the eCR area to share lessons learned, develop a coherent strategy to elevate issues to CDC/ APHL/ vendors.
- Identify eCR coordinators or contacts within jurisdictions and processes for reporting different eCR related issues

Workgroup Timeline and Meeting Schedule:

- In the short term, the workgroup will be housed under the current RCKMS Community of Practice (CoP) Basecamp activities (to be renamed “eCR/ RCKMS CoP” Basecamp). The workgroup activities will be supported by CSTE staff, and are projected to commence in February 2023
 - Long term options may include migrating to Slack, CSTE Connect or other platforms
 - Tentative meeting schedule: Monthly conference calls/ discussions