

SRCA FAQ's

Frequently Asked Questions about the State Reportable Conditions Assessment

Q: What exactly is meant by:"Individual Case Reporting"?

A: This column focuses on whether a case is reportable if and only if the case is work-related. An alternative heading for that column is "Work-only?".

Q: What exactly is meant by:"Outbreak Reporting"?

A: This column focuses on whether a case is reportable if and only if the case is outbreak-related. An alternative heading for that column is "Outbreak-only?". If all cases are reportable, regardless of whether an outbreak is occurring, use the response letter A.

Q: In my state, when all cases of a broad condition (such as Botulism) are reportable, can I just fill in the row for "Botulism (Not further specified)" and leave the sub-set rows blank?

A: You should put the E (Explicit) in the appropriate columns for the row for "Botulism (Not further specified)" and for each of the sub-set rows as well. To submit your final responses, you will need to fill in all cells and leave no blanks. Next year, we will have an automated "skip-and-fill" function that completes the sub-sets for you, in addition, your 2008 responses will be pre-filled with your 2007 responses.

Q: Strep pneumoniae is reportable for all ages but there is only the option for children <5 years. How do I fill out this condition?

A: Enter "E" for explicit for this condition and enter into the comments field that your rules does not specify by age and all cases are reportable.

Q: In the General Section, "Disease or outbreak of suspected foodborne origin" is listed but my state's laws state foodborne pathogens by name. Is this explicit or implicit?

A: Since the specific pathogens of the broader category are listed in your rules, you should consider the broader category to be explicit.

Q: How do I assign other users to help me fill this out?

A: Follow these steps:

1. Log onto SRCA using your provided username and password at www.cste.org/srca
2. Click on User Administration to add designated staff
3. Click on Add User
4. Enter information for designated staff to work on the assessment
Username for Joseph Smith could be jsmith or joe_smith.
Password must be alpha numeric (e.g. texas07, srca_07, etc.)
Enter information for user name, email address and phone number
5. Assign permissions: Infectious, Non-Infectious, General
Users can have access to as many areas as appropriate
6. Save