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To whom it may concern:

The Washington State Department of Health (WA DOH) is the sole Public Health Authority accepting data for public health Meaningful Use measures in Washington and is making the declaration of readiness for accepting syndromic surveillance data for the entire state.

Currently, WA DOH is ready to accept syndromic surveillance data from Eligible Hospitals (EHs), Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs), and some but not all Eligible Professionals (EPs) for the purposes of satisfying Stage 1 or Stage 2 criteria for Meaningful Use. Eligible professionals who practice at clinics that do not provide any urgent/acute/walk-in care, primary care (defined as general practice, family medicine, pediatric medicine, internal medicine, non-surgical OB/GYN, women's health, or geriatric medicine clinics) or the following types of specialty care- infectious disease, environmental health, or occupational health- qualify for an exclusion. Eligible professionals who practice at specialty clinics whose services are limited to the following specialties qualify for an exclusion from syndromic surveillance reporting to WA DOH for Stages 1 and 2 of Meaningful Use:

- Addiction Medicine
- Allergy/ Immunology
- Anesthesiology
- Anticoagulation
- Audiology
- Behavioral Health
- Breast Health
- Cardiology
- Chiropractic
- Clinical Psychology
- Dental
- Dermatology
- Diagnostic Imaging
- Diagnostic Radiology
- Endocrinology
- Gastroenterology
- Genetics
- Geriatric Medicine
- Geriatric Psychiatry
- Hematology
- Hepatology
- Interventional Radiology
- Massage Therapy
- Midwifery
- Nephrology
- Neurology
- Neuropsychiatry
- Nuclear Medicine
- Nutrition
- Occupational Therapy
- Oncology
- Oncology - Hematologic
- Ophthalmology
- Opticianry
- Optometry
- Orthopedics
- Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine
- Otolaryngology
- Pain Management
- Pathology
- Pharmacy
- Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
- Physical Therapy
- Podiatry
- Proctology
- Psychiatry

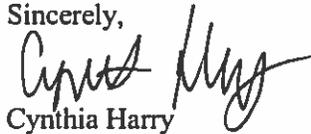
- Pulmonary Medicine
- Radiation Oncology
- Radiology
- Rheumatology
- Social Work
- Speech Pathology
- Sports Medicine
- Surgery
- Urology
- Vascular Medicine
- Wound/Ostomy

There are no plans at present to collect data from the specialties listed, but WA DOH encourages Meaningful Use participants in Washington to check the website for updates about participating in Syndromic Surveillance in Washington when Stage 3 begins.

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/ForPublicHealthandHealthcareProviders/HealthcareProfessionsandFacilities/DataReportingandRetrieval/ElectronicHealthRecordsMeaningfulUse/SyndromicSurveillance>

If you feel your clinic is not represented in this letter, you are encouraged to complete a registration of intent to receive a personalized review of your clinic. A link to the registration form can be found here: <http://www.doh.wa.gov/ForPublicHealthandHealthcareProviders/HealthcareProfessionsandFacilities/DataReportingandRetrieval/ElectronicHealthRecordsMeaningfulUse/SyndromicSurveillance>

Sincerely,



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