



San Antonio Metropolitan Health District

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Dear San Antonio Hospitals and Medical Providers,

Thank you for your inquiry regarding syndromic surveillance. The San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (SAMHD) is committed to working with San Antonio hospitals and medical providers to achieve meaningful use.

As of September 2015, the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (SAMHD) does not provide an electronic system with capabilities for receiving syndromic surveillance data. The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is in the process of developing a statewide system that will accept data in a format consistent with the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Electronic Health Record Incentive Payment Program (EHR incentive programs), but currently does not have the capability to receive or share data.

SAMHD will be a part of this system once it is developed and implemented. At this time, we do not have a target date from DSHS. We will keep hospitals and providers informed of the progress made by DSHS in moving us toward implementation of a statewide syndromic surveillance system.

If you have further questions about syndromic surveillance, please contact our Chief of Epidemiology, Rita Espinoza, at rita.espinoza@sanantonio.gov or (210) 207-8703.

Sincerely,

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