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Changes to COVID-19 Test Result Reporting Process in Montana- ACTION REQUIRED

Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (MTDPHHS) will deactivate the COVID-19 test result reporting platform Formstack at 11:59 MST on March 31, 2024. Partners currently using Formstack to report their COVID-19 test results should transition to an alternate reporting platform as soon as possible to prevent disruptions in data transmission to MTDPHHS.

COVID-19 is a reportable condition in Montana as established in Administrative Rule of Montana (ARM) 37.114.203. Anyone who knows or has reason to suspect that a case, hospitalization, or death due to COVID-19 has occurred is required to report this information to their local health department immediately (ARM 37.114.201).

Last Day to Access Formstack: March 31, 2024.

Reporting Platform Options:
- **SimpleReport** – SimpleReport is a free HIPPA-compliant tool developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and U.S. Digital Service (USDS) that makes it easy to report diagnostic test results for COVID-19 and other conditions to the public health department. Learn more about this tool at SimpleReport.gov.
  - *Questions?* Contact Beth Hopkins at beth.hopkins@mt.gov or SimpleReport directly at support@simplereport.gov.
- **Electronic Laboratory Reporting (ELR) Connection** – An ELR connection is a great option for facilities that have the technical capacity to send laboratory test results through a secure server-to-server connection using HL7. ELR fulfills reporting requirements for COVID-19 (see ARM 37.114.201 (5)).
  - *Questions?* Contact Jennifer Floch at jennifer.floch@mt.gov.

Informational Meetings and Tutorials:
Facilities reporting COVID-19 test results should attend one of the following presentations to learn more about the SimpleReport and ELR reporting platforms.

- Tuesday January 16 at 10:00am MST - **Click here to join the meeting**
- Thursday February 1 at 3:30pm MST - **Click here to join the meeting**
- Friday March 1 at 11:00am MST - **Click here to join the meeting**

See Attachment A for additional meeting details.

For questions or concerns about reporting COVID-19 cases or laboratory reports in Montana, please contact CDEpi at (406)444-0273.

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Additional Resources

COVID-19 Reporting Requirements in Montana

COVID-19 is a reportable condition in Montana as described in ARM 37.114.203 (1). Any person, including administrators of a laboratory or other laboratory professional, who knows or has reason to suspect that a case of a reportable disease or condition defined in ARM 37.114.203 exists must immediately report to the local health officer the information specified in ARM 37.114.205.

- All positive molecular (e.g., NAAT and PCR) testing is required to be reported to the local and state health departments.
- All positive antigen testing done with CLIA oversight (e.g., in the presence of a provider or someone trained to administer a COVID-19 antigen test) is required to be reported to the local and state health departments.
- Individuals testing positive with an over-the-counter antigen test are not required to report unless instructed by their employer. MTDPHHS has a self-report page available for individuals looking to report their rapid antigen test result.

Resource	Hyperlinks
SimpleReport	SimpleReport Link
ARM 37.114.201: Who's Required to Report Cases/ Outbreaks of Communicable Disease in Montana	ARM 37.114.201
ARM 37.114.203 (1): What Diseases/ Outbreaks are Required to be Reported in Montana	ARM 37.114.203 (1)
Respiratory Dashboard	Respiratory Dashboard
Meaningful Use- Electronic Laboratory Reporting	Electronic Laboratory Reporting
COVID-19 At-Home Test Reporting Page	COVID-19 At-Home Test Reporting Page

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ATTACHMENT A – Additional Meeting Details

Tuesday January 16 at 10:00am MST –

Microsoft Teams Meeting: Join on your computer, mobile app or room device
Click here to join the meeting
Meeting ID: 257 441 325 590
Passcode: oPd5rz
Download Teams | Join on the web
Join with a video conferencing device
291818717@t.plcm.vc
Video Conference ID: 116 549 521 1
Alternate VTC instructions
Or call in (audio only)
+1 406-318-5487,,566848509# United States, Billings
Phone Conference ID: 566 848 509#

Thursday February 1 at 3:30pm MST –

Microsoft Teams Meeting: Join on your computer, mobile app or room device
Click here to join the meeting
Meeting ID: 273 911 982 598
Passcode: 2i365F
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Join with a video conferencing device
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Video Conference ID: 112 149 222 9
Alternate VTC instructions
Or call in (audio only)
+1 406-318-5487,,412043702# United States, Billings
Phone Conference ID: 412 043 702#

Friday March 1 at 11:00am MST -

Microsoft Teams Meeting: Join on your computer, mobile app or room device
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Passcode: 7koqf2
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