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INFORMATION REQUEST

Topic: Importing School Data

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Information Requested:

1. Do you import data from schools to your IIS?
2. If so, can we collect contact information for additional questions and/or guidance?

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Results:

CO:

Colorado does not currently import data from schools, unless it is a school-based health center. We do work with CareDox to provide query only opportunities to about five school districts across Colorado. We were just contacted by another company that is similar to CareDox and we'll begin working with them on a query only interface.

IL:

Illinois does not import school data at this time.

ND:

North Dakota's IIS receives daily data uploads from the State Longitudinal Data System (SLDS) that includes student name and birthdate (for matching to IIS records), school and grade level. The school and grade level are entered into the matching NDIIS record for the students in the school data file and are visible only to school users and members of the immunization program. Non-school users cannot see the student information in the NDIIS.

RI:

Rhode Island does not currently import immunizations from schools but may begin to do so in the next year – interfacing with one of the school health electronic records via



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HL7. Rhode Island does receive roster information: name, date of birth, grade, school and school district from the Department of Education monthly.

SC:

1. No
2. Not applicable

TN:

In Tennessee, we have developed a program we call “Expanded Access” to allow school nurses to add or update immunization records in the IIS. School records are protected by The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), so school nurses in Tennessee who request access to the IIS are initially granted “view-only” user permissions and cannot edit or add immunization records. School nurses who would like the ability to add or update immunization records in the IIS must first complete training with one of our TennIIS Nursing Consultants, then pass a post-test to evaluate their understanding of FERPA and navigation of the IIS. Due to FERPA, school nurses must obtain parental consent before sharing any immunization information with the IIS, so our department worked with the state’s Department of Education to create a FERPA-compliant parental consent form. We do not “import data” from schools directly, but we have had over 2500 student records and approximately 30,000 vaccinations manually added to the IIS by school nurses since inception of the Expanded Access program in 2017.

WI:

In Wisconsin, schools can become an interoperability (data exchange) partner and utilize the functionality of the IIS to report (within the guidelines of FERPA) registration and immunization data.

WY:

Until schools are no longer permitted to accept unverified records, we will not pursue this.