Dear NSSP Community of Practice Member:

The International Society for Disease Surveillance (ISDS), and the National Syndromic Surveillance Program (NSSP) Community of Practice (CoP) Steering Committee, invites you to participate in an assessment of the NSSP CoP. The purpose of this assessment is to gain feedback from CoP members regarding barriers and challenges affecting participation in the CoP and its related activities.

This project is funded through a cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The information collected in this assessment may be used for several purposes such as discovering opportunities to provide better support to members, learning about members technical and training needs, and modifying or developing new tools and services to improve syndromic surveillance practice. The CDC may also use this information to inform guidance and technical assistance activities in support of syndromic surveillance practice at the state and local levels.

Completing the assessment is voluntary and takes approximately 15 minutes. Please complete the assessment in a single session as you will not be able to save it and return to it at a later date.

Results of the assessment will be aggregated and shared with CDC and the NSSP CoP membership via a final report, webinars and/or publication. CDC and ISDS will not publish or share any identifying information about individual respondents or health departments.

The deadline for completing the assessment is [2 weeks].

Please click on the following link to access the online assessment: [link].

Please do not forward the link to other colleagues.

If you have questions regarding the assessment or the NSSP CoP, please contact Emile Lamb at <u>elamb@syndromic.org</u> or (617) 997-0474.

Thank you for your participation.

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