

Concurrence Statements from Collaborating Jurisdictions

Background

In fall 2018, the US experienced an increase in the number of cases of acute flaccid myelitis (AFM). To date, there have been 232 confirmed AFM cases in 41 states with onset during 2018 compared with 35 AFM cases in 16 states during 2017. The majority of cases have occurred in children. No common exposures have been identified among the cases and the risk factors for developing this disease are not well understood. In an effort to better understand common exposures among AFM patients, state and local health jurisdictions with AFM cases are collaborating with CDC to investigate these 2018 cases more broadly. In addition, they are investigating anecdotal information suggesting that diagnosis might have been delayed in some cases, perhaps due to a lack of awareness about AFM by healthcare providers.

The Minnesota Department of Health has requested technical assistance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to create a comprehensive hypothesis-generating questionnaire instrument for this investigation. Other state and local jurisdictions have indicated to CDC that they wish to collaborate with CDC on this activity which involves administering the hypothesis-generating questionnaire to all 2018 confirmed AFM patients reported to their jurisdiction. The objectives of the activity are to identify common exposures and characterize the medical care received prior to an AFM diagnosis. The response is urgent in nature since timely data are needed to inform rapid public health action to prevent and reduce disease in children. In addition, the results from this investigation will be used to help identify gaps in clinician awareness that can be targeted through public health messaging. This activity will remain under the direction and supervision of each respective state and local health jurisdiction. Each jurisdiction will retain ownership of data collected from their respective AFM cases.

Below is the concurrence from the states that will collaborate in this investigation.

Alabama

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Subject: RE: AFM hypothesis generating activity concurrence -- please respond by Tuesday, April 23 at 5pm ET

I concur.

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Subject: Re: AFM hypothesis generating activity concurrence -- please respond by Tuesday, April 23 at 5pm ET

Hello,

I am indicating our jurisdiction's concurrence with these activities and response.

Thanks,
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Subject: FW: AFM hypothesis generating activity concurrence -- please respond by Tuesday, April 23 at 5pm ET

I am supportive of AR participating in the below AFM project.

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Subject: RE: AFM hypothesis generating activity concurrence -- please respond by Tuesday, April 23 at 5pm ET

Hi Adriana,

I am indicating our jurisdiction's concurrence to have CDC assist with this response. Thank you for consideration of this request. We very much appreciate the support and assistance of the CDC to help protect the public health of our citizens.

Victoria Chu (California), Vaccine Preventable Diseases Coordinator

Colorado

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Subject: Re: AFM hypothesis generating activity concurrence -- please respond by Tuesday, April 23 at 5pm ET

Apologies for my delay, Adriana. Colorado requests CDC's assistance with this response. We would also like to request the assistance of an EIS officer(s) for this investigation.

Please let me know if you need a more detailed request.

Regards,
Rachel

Chicago

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I am indicating Chicago jurisdiction's concurrence to have CDC assist with this AFM response. Thank you,

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Georgia

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Subject: RE: Feedback needed: AFM hypothesis generating concurrence

Hi Adriana,

Our state epidemiologist, Cherie Drenzek (cc'd), has approved the AFM hypothesis generating activity detailed below. Please let me know if you need any additional information from us.

Thanks!

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Subject: RE: AFM hypothesis generating activity concurrence -- please respond by Tuesday, April 23 at 5pm ET

Good Morning,

I am indicating our jurisdiction's concurrence to participate/assist with this activity by administering the hypothesis-generating questionnaire to all 2018 confirmed AFM patients reported to our jurisdiction (Houston).

Sincerely,

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Subject: Fw: AFM hypothesis generating activity concurrence -- please respond by Tuesday, April 23 at 5pm ET

Importance: High

Good morning-

I am indicating our jurisdiction's concurrence to have CDC assist with this response. Thank you for consideration of this request. We very much appreciate the support and assistance of the CDC to help protect the public health of our citizens.

For Illinois, if the case is in Chicago (resident or at a Chicago facility), Chicago DPH will conduct the investigation. All others will go to the CDC EISO.

thanks-
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Subject: Indiana concurrence with AFM HGQ

Good morning,

I am indicating Indiana's concurrence to have CDC assist with the investigation of common exposures among 2018 AFM cases, including the administration of a hypothesis-generating questionnaire to all 2018 confirmed AFM patients reported in Indiana.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,
Pam Pontones

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Subject: Fwd: AFM hypothesis generating activity concurrence -- please respond by Tuesday, April 23 at 5pm ET
Hi Adrianna,
Our jurisdiction concurs.

Thank you.
Best,

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Kansas

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Subject: AFM hypothesis generating activity concurrence (Kansas)

I am indicating our jurisdiction's concurrence to have CDC assist with this response. Thank you for consideration of this request. We very much appreciate the support and assistance of the CDC to help protect the public health of our citizens.

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Kentucky

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Subject: Fw: AFM hypothesis generating activity concurrence -- please respond by Tuesday, April 23 at 5pm ET

I am indicating Kentucky's interest in assisting CDC with this response. I approve Jody Schweitzer from the Kentucky Department for Public Health's Immunization Program to participate in the AFM hypothesis-generating questionnaire activity and for you to communicate with her regarding data collection and questionnaire review/revision activities.

Thanks, so much, for the opportunity to participate in this activity.
Doug

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Subject: Fwd: AFM hypothesis generating activity concurrence -- please respond by Tuesday, April 23 at 5pm ET

Adriana and all - As State Epidemiologist for Maryland, I write to confirm our concurrence to have CDC assist with this response.

Thanks and let me know if you need anything more. - David

Massachusetts

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Subject: FW: AFM hypothesis generating activity concurrence -- please respond by Tuesday, April 23 at 5pm ET

Good Afternoon-

Please find my concurrence to have Massachusetts assist CDC with this effort **with the adjusted language as defined below**. Deletions are indicated as strike-through and additions are underlined.

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~~investigating anecdotal information suggesting that diagnosis might have been delayed in some cases, perhaps due to a lack of awareness about AFM by healthcare providers.~~

The Minnesota Department of Health has requested technical assistance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to create a comprehensive hypothesis-generating questionnaire instrument for this investigation. Other state and local jurisdictions have indicated to CDC that they wish to collaborate with CDC on this activity which involves administering the hypothesis-generating questionnaire to all 2018 confirmed AFM patients reported to their [jurisdiction](#). The objectives of the activity are to identify common exposures and characterize the ~~medical care received~~ healthcare seeking behavior of patients and their families prior to an AFM diagnosis. The response is urgent in nature since timely data are needed to inform rapid public health action to prevent and reduce disease in children. ~~In addition, the results from this investigation will be used to help identify gaps in clinician awareness that can be targeted through public health messaging.~~ Results from this investigation could be used to help raise awareness about this newly emerging syndrome which lacks a specific diagnostic tool and does not have, as of yet, any standard of care established.

This activity will remain under the direction and supervision of each respective state and local health jurisdiction. Each [jurisdiction](#) will retain ownership of data collected from their respective AFM cases. The plan is for CDC to summarize the findings from all jurisdictions and disseminate a summary of results in aggregate form to participating jurisdictions. Decisions about additional analyses and particularly any public release of information would be done using a collaborative, shared decision-making approach between CDC and all contributing jurisdictions.

I am indicating our jurisdiction's concurrence to have CDC assist with this response. Thank you for consideration of this request. We very much appreciate the support and assistance of the CDC to help protect the public health of our citizens.

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Michigan

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Subject: Re: AFM hypothesis generating activity concurrence -- please respond by Tuesday, April 23 at 5pm ET

Michigan agrees to pilot CDC's hypothesis generating AFM questionnaire.

Sarah Lyon-Callo, PhD

Mississippi

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Subject: RE: AFM hypothesis generating activity concurrence -- please respond by Tuesday, April 23 at 5pm ET

I, as State Epidemiologist for the Mississippi State of Health, am indicating our jurisdiction's concurrence to have CDC assist with this response. Thank you for consideration of this request. We very much appreciate the support and assistance of the CDC to help protect the public health of our citizens.

Regards,

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Missouri

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Subject: RE: AFM hypothesis generating activity concurrence -- please respond by Tuesday, April 23 at 5pm ET

Hello Adriana,

Dr. George Turabelidze, State Epidemiologist for Missouri has requested that I respond as his designee.

Missouri concurs with the stated AFM hypothesis generating activity.

Thanks!



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Subject: Re: AFM hypothesis generating activity concurrence -- please respond by Tuesday, April 23 at 5pm ET

Hello,

I am the acting state epidemiologist for Montana and we will participate in the investigation of common exposures among 2018 AFM cases. Please let me know if you need any additional information from me at this time.

Thank you!

Kerry

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Subject: RE: AFM hypothesis generating activity concurrence -- please respond by Tuesday, April 23 at 5pm ET

Adriana:

We are totally on board. I have heard from several patients/families and I think they would be thrilled to see further interest and investigation. We will do those surveys ourselves per your guidance.

Thanks so much.

Tom

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Nevada

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Subject: RE: AFM hypothesis generating activity concurrence -- please respond by Tuesday, April 23 at 5pm ET

Thank you for reaching out. Nevada concurs and agrees with participation.



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New Hampshire

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Subject: Re: AFM hypothesis generating activity concurrence -- please respond by Tuesday, April 23 at 5pm ET

New Hampshire concurs and supports administration of the AFM hypothesis generating activity and questionnaire.

Thanks,
Ben

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Subject: RE: AFM hypothesis generating activity concurrence -- please respond by Tuesday, April 23 at 5pm ET

Hi Adriana and team,

As the designee for New Jersey, I am indicating our concurrence with this activity. Our state epidemiologist, Christina Tan, is in agreement and is copied here as well.

Thanks,
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Subject: FW: AFM hypothesis generating activity concurrence -- please respond by Tuesday, April 23 at 5pm ET

I am indicating our jurisdiction's concurrence to have CDC assist with this response. Thank you for consideration of this request. We very much appreciate the support and assistance of the CDC to help protect the public health of our citizens.

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New York State

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Subject: RE: AFM hypothesis generating activity concurrence -- please respond by Tuesday, April 23 at 5pm ET

Sorry this is late. Blame it on measles.

I am indicating our jurisdiction's concurrence to have CDC assist with this response. Thank you for consideration of this request. We very much appreciate the support and assistance of the CDC to help protect the public health of our citizens.

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Subject: Re: [External] AFM hypothesis generating activity concurrence -- please respond by Tuesday, April 23 at 5pm ET

North Carolina concurs and plans to participate in this activity.

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Subject: RE: AFM hypothesis generating activity concurrence -- please respond ASAP

Hi Adriana,

North Dakota can participate in the HGQ project for 2018 conformed AFM cases. We had one in ND in 2018 and can administer this questionnaire to our case.

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Oklahoma

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Subject: RE: AFM hypothesis generating activity concurrence -- please respond by Tuesday, April 23 at 5pm ET

Hi Adriana,

The Oklahoma State Department of Health has agreed to participate in the AFM hypothesis generating activity. We concur with the methods and look forward to collaborating with other state health departments and federal partners in completing this projects. If you need any additional information for our state health department, please feel free to contact me.

Thanks,

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Subject: AFM

Adriana:

RI concurs with the plan to have CDC assist with AFM investigations.

Regards,

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Subject: AFM hypothesis generating

Hello, Pennsylvania DOH will conduct the AFM hypothesis generating questionnaire. We have reached out to our large jurisdictions as well who have agreed to also have their staff conduct the hypothesis generating questionnaire. I understand that CDC's approval process requires that the state epidemiologist or designee respond to this email indicating that PADOH agrees to conduct hypothesis generating interviews with parents/ guardians of AFM case-patients. As State Epidemiologist, I have agreed. Sharon

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South Carolina

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Cc: DADE_Consultants <dade_consultants@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: Re: AFM hypothesis generating activity concurrence -- please respond by Tuesday, April 23 at 5pm ET

Good Morning,

As South Carolina State Epidemiologist I submit my concurrence that South Carolina will participate in the AFM hypothesis generating activities. Dr. Brannon Traxler is our designated Point of Contact for all activities associated with the investigation. She is copied here, please include her on all related communications.

Thank you.

Linda J. Bell, M.D.

State Epidemiologist

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South Dakota

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To: AFM Info (CDC) <AFMinfo@cdc.gov>

Subject: RE: AFM hypothesis generating activity concurrence -- please respond by Tuesday, April 23 at 5pm ET

Adriana,

I am writing to confirm South Dakota's concurrence to have CDC assist with this response and to create a comprehensive hypothesis-generating questionnaire instrument for this investigation.

Thank you,

Josh

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Subject: RE: AFM hypothesis generating activity concurrence -- please respond by Tuesday, April 23 at 5pm ET

Tennessee concurs with this activity, and will participate. Please let me know if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,



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Texas

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Cc: Leos,Greg (DSHS) <Greg.Leos@dshs.texas.gov>

Subject: CDC HypGen for AFM

To whom it may concern at CDC:

I approve the Texas use of the CDC HypGen for investigation of potential cases of Acute Flaccid Myelitis. Thank you!

Linda

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Utah

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Subject: Re: AFM hypothesis generating activity concurrence -- please respond by Tuesday, April 23 at 5pm ET

I am indicating our jurisdiction's concurrence to have CDC assist with this response. Thank you for consideration of this request. We very much appreciate the support and assistance of the CDC to help protect the public health of our citizens.

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Virginia

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Adriana,

We would like to collaborate with CDC on this activity which involves administering the hypothesis-generating questionnaire to all 2018 confirmed AFM patients reported to Virginia.

Thank you,

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Subject: AFM hypothesis generating activity concurrence

I am indicating our jurisdiction's concurrence to have CDC assist with this response. Thank you for consideration of this request. We very much appreciate the support and assistance of the CDC to help protect the public health of our citizens.

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Wisconsin

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Subject: FW: AFM hypothesis generating activity concurrence -- please respond by Tuesday, April 23 at 5pm ET

Good evening,
Wisconsin concurs. We will use this tool.
Thank you,
Stephanie



Stephanie Smiley
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