

Attachment 23

E-Mail Recruitment and Consent for Participation in Brief SO/GI Data Collection Assessment

Dear _____

In 2017, CDC's Division of STD Prevention (DSTDP) received provisional approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to collect separate data elements for Sexual Orientation (SO) and for Gender Identity (GI) for cases of sexually transmitted diseases reported through the National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System (NNDSS). Beginning in January 2018, these data elements were added to the implementation guide for all jurisdictions with instructions for how to include SO/GI data available locally in case notifications reported to CDC. These data elements were listed as "Optional" in the implementation guidance.

Participation in this telephone survey is strictly voluntary; no incentives or compensation are offered for participation. There are no penalties for non-participation. Additionally, no identifying information that could be used to identify you or your reporting jurisdiction will be included in the aggregate analysis and reporting of the information gathered through this brief telephone survey.

If you choose to participate, please reply in the affirmative to this e-mail and we will be pleased to schedule a convenient time for us to call you during the month of August 2019. If you choose to decline to participate, please indicate this in your reply and accept our gratitude for your time. If you need additional information or have any questions about this survey, please call us at the number listed below.

Sincerely,

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