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Title: National Syndromic Surveillance Program (NSSP)
Project Id: 0900f3eb81f932bc
Accession #: CSELS-DHIS-7/27/22-932bc
Project Contact: Kim Gadsden-knowles
Organization: CSELS/DHIS
Status: **Project In Progress**
Intended Use: **Project Determination**
Estimated Start Date: 08/01/2022
Estimated Completion Date: 08/31/2025
CDC/ATSDR HRPO/IRB Protocol #:
OMB Control #: 0920-0824

Determinations

Determination	Justification	Completed	Entered By & Role
HSC: Does NOT Require HRPO Review	Not Research - Public Health Surveillance <i>45 CFR 46.102(1)(2)</i>	7/28/22	Ayers_Tracy (eyk6) CIO HSC
PRA: PRA Applies		7/28/22	Ayers_Tracy (eyk6) OMB/PRA

ICRO:
PRA Applies

OMB Approval date: 7/22/19
OMB Expiration date: 7/31/22

8/1/22

Zirger_Jeffrey (wtj5) ICRO Reviewer

Description & Funding

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Priority: Urgent

Date Needed: 08/01/2022

Priority Justification: The determination is needed by 8/1/2022 so that it can be available for the NSSP PRA Revision before the 30-day FRN expires and the Revision is reviewed by OMB.

Determination Start Date: 07/27/22

Description: The National Syndromic Surveillance Program (NSSP) features the BioSense Platform and a collaborative Community of Practice. The BioSense Platform is a secure integrated electronic public health information system that CDC provides, primarily for use by state, local and territorial public health departments. It includes standardized analytic tools and processes that enable users to rapidly collect, evaluate, share, and store syndromic surveillance data. NSSP promotes a Community of Practice in which participants collaborate to advance the science and practice of syndromic surveillance. Health departments use the BioSense Platform to receive healthcare data from facilities in their jurisdiction, conduct syndromic surveillance, and share the data with other jurisdictions and CDC.

IMS/CIO/Epi-Aid/Lab-Aid/Chemical Exposure Submission: No

IMS Activation Name: Not selected

Primary Priority of the Project: Not selected

Secondary Priority(s) of the Project: Not selected

Task Force Associated with the Response: Not selected

CIO Emergency Response Name: Not selected

Epi-Aid Name: Not selected

Lab-Aid Name: Not selected

Assessment of Chemical Exposure Name: Not selected

Goals/Purpose: To promotes and advance the development of a syndromic surveillance system for the timely exchange and analysis of syndromic data.

Objective: To collect the following data from state, local, and territorial health departments through the BioSense Platform Access and Management Center (AMC): 1) onboarding data about healthcare facilities needed for state, local, and territorial public health departments to submit electronic health record (EHR) data to the BioSense Platform, 2) registration data needed to allow users access to the BioSense Platform tools and services, and 3) data sharing permissions so that state and local health departments can

share data with other state and local health departments and CDC. PRA applies. This data collection is covered by OMB#0920-0824, National Syndromic Surveillance Program (NSSP). The NSSP data collection and use is non-research; it is for public health surveillance / public health practice. The purpose of NSSP is to improve a public health program or service.

Does your project measure health disparities among populations/groups experiencing social, economic, geographic, and/or environmental disadvantages?: Not Selected

Does your project investigate underlying contributors to health inequities among populations /groups experiencing social, economic, geographic, and/or environmental disadvantages?: Not Selected

Does your project propose, implement, or evaluate an action to move towards eliminating health inequities?: Not Selected

Activities or Tasks: New Collection of Information, Data, or Biospecimens

Target Populations to be Included/Represented: Other - State, local, and territorial public health departments. Participation is completely voluntary.

Tags/Keywords: Public Health Surveillance ; Public Health Informatics ; Technology ; Syndromic Surveillance ; Data Modernization

CDC's Role: Activity originated and designed by CDC staff, or conducted at the specific request of CDC, or CDC staff will approve study design and data collection as a condition of any funding provided ; CDC employees or agents will obtain or use identifiable (including coded) private data or biological specimens ; CDC employees will provide substantial technical assistance or oversight

Method Categories: Surveillance Support; Technical Assistance

Methods: There are no statistical methods used for onboarding, registration, or data sharing permissions information collection. Information for onboarding and registration consists of administrative data that are not summarized statistically. Although onboarding and registration data may be used to identify numbers of sites and users of the BioSense Platform, these activities do not involve any complex statistical methods.

Collection of Info, Data or Biospecimen: NSSP has three different types of information collection: (1) Collection of onboarding data about healthcare facilities needed for state, local, and territorial public health departments to submit EHR data to the BioSense Platform; (2) Collection of registration data needed to allow users access to the BioSense Platform tools and services; and (3) Collection of data sharing permissions so that state and local health departments can share data with other state and local health departments and CDC. All onboarding data, registration data, and data sharing permissions are collected from state and local public health departments through modules on the BioSense Platform Access Management Center (AMC). Site Administrators send onboarding data and registration data to CDC and set data sharing permissions for their site.

Expected Use of Findings/Results and their impact: Onboarding data about healthcare facilities are used to help state, local, and territorial public health departments with submitting electronic health record data to the BioSense Platform. Registration data are used to provide users access to the BioSense Platform. Data sharing permissions are set by jurisdictions so that they can share data with other state, local, and territorial health departments and with CDC. Onboarding data, registration data, and data sharing permissions data are not analyzed, reported or published.

Could Individuals potentially be identified based on Information Collected? Yes

Will PII be captured (including coded data)? Yes

Does CDC have access to the identifiers (including coded data)?: Yes

Is this project covered by an Assurance of Confidentiality? No

Does this activity meet the criteria for a Certificate of Confidentiality (CoC)? No

Is there a formal written agreement prohibiting the release of identifiers? No

Funding

Funding yet to be added

HSC Review

Regulation and Policy

Do you anticipate this project will need IRB review by the CDC IRB, NIOSH IRB, or through reliance on an external IRB? No

Estimated number of study participants

Population - Children

Protocol Page #:

Population - Minors

Protocol Page #:

Population - Prisoners

Protocol Page #:

Population - Pregnant Women

Protocol Page #:

Population - Emancipated Minors

Protocol Page #:

Suggested level of risk to subjects

Do you anticipate this project will be exempt research or non-exempt research

Requested consent process wavers

Informed consent for adults	No Selection
Children capable of providing assent	No Selection
Parental permission	No Selection
Alteration of authorization under HIPPA Privacy Rule	No Selection

Requested Waivers of Documentation of Informed Consent

Informed consent for adults	No Selection
Children capable of providing assent	No Selection
Parental permission	No Selection

Consent process shown in an understandable language

Reading level has been estimated	No Selection
Comprehension tool is provided	No Selection
Short form is provided	No Selection
Translation planned or performed	No Selection
Certified translation / translator	No Selection
Translation and back-translation to/from target language(s)	No Selection
Other method	No Selection

Clinical Trial

Involves human participants	No Selection
Assigned to an intervention	No Selection
Evaluate the effect of the intervention	No Selection
Evaluation of a health related biomedical or behavioral outcome	No Selection

Registerable clinical trial No Selection

Other Considerations

Exception is requested to PHS informing those bested about HIV serostatus No Selection

Human genetic testing is planned now or in the future No Selection

Involves long-term storage of identifiable biological specimens No Selection

Involves a drug, biologic, or device No Selection

Conducted under an Investigational New Drug exemption or Investigational Device Exemption No Selection

Institutions & Staff

Institutions

Will you be working with an outside Organization or Institution? No

Institutions yet to be added

Staff

Staff Member	SIQT Exp. Date	CITI Biomedical Exp. Date	CITI Social & Behavioral Exp. Date	CITI Good Clinical Practice Exp. Date	Staff Role	Email	Phone	Organization
Kim Gadsden-knowles	08/31 /2026				Project Coordinator		404-498-0355	DIVISION OF HEALTH INFORMATICS AND SURVEILLANCE

Data

DMP

Proposed Data Collection Start Date: 8/1/22
Proposed Data Collection End Date: 8/31/25
Proposed Public Access Level: Non-Public

Non-Public Details:

Reason For Not Releasing Data: Other - Onboarding data, registration data, and data sharing permissions are not reported or published.

Public Access Justification: Onboarding data, registration data, and data sharing permissions are not reported or published.

How Access Will Be Provided for Data: The data collected are in electronic format and are secured on a cloud-enabled, Web-based platform that is in compliance with the Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA). The BioSense Platform has been through the S&A process performed by CDC security personnel. All information collected for NSSP is treated in a secure manner and will not be disclosed, unless otherwise compelled by law.

Plans for Archival and Long Term Preservation:

Spatiality

Spatiality (Geographic Locations) yet to be added

Dataset

Dataset Title	Dataset Description	Data Publisher /Owner	Public Access Level	Public Access Justification	External Access URL	Download URL	Type of Data Released	Collection Start Date	Collection End Date
Dataset yet to be added...									

Supporting Info

Current	CDC Staff Member and Role	Date Added	Description	Supporting Info Type	Supporting Info

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