

**Data Use Agreement
Conditions of Access to Confidential Data
National Center for Health Statistics
Research Data Center**

I (print name) _____ am aware that the confidential data I will access in the Research Data Center (RDC) has been provided to NCHS in accordance with the provisions of Section 308(d) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 242m) and the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act (44 U.S.C. 3561 – 3583). These data were collected with the assurance that they will be used only for health statistical reporting and analysis and must not be published or released in a manner where an individual respondent or establishment could be identified. I am also aware that I may be held legally liable for any harm to individuals or establishments contained in the data resulting from my inappropriate actions when accessing or using the confidential data.

I have read and am familiar with Section 308(d) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 242m) and the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act (44 U.S.C. 3561 – 3583), I agree:

1. To only conduct analyses related to the research question(s) for which I have received approval. I will not use any technique or other means to learn the identity of any individual person, establishment, or sampling unit contained in the confidential data.
2. That I will not attempt to remove any restricted data using any means from the RDC. Similarly, I will not copy any files, output, or programs to transportable electronic media for exfiltration of the data out of the RDC.
3. That I will not photograph or transcribe any data that are displayed on the computer screen that I use to access the confidential data.
4. That RDC staff must review my notes before I leave the RDC and that RDC staff will return any programs or output to me via email after a disclosure review.
5. That I will observe and abide by the rules of behavior posted in the RDC and provided to me by RDC staff.
6. That I will not use any technique to learn what items were suppressed during output review. If I discover or can inadvertently deduce any individual-level information, I will not share or publish that information and will immediately bring it to the attention of RDC staff.
7. To hold in strictest confidence the identity of any establishment or individual that may be inadvertently revealed in any documents, discussion, or analysis I may have access too. If I discover or inadvertently identify an establishment or individual, I will immediately bring it to the attention of RDC staff.
8. To follow the principles, standards, and rules outlined in the *RDC Disclosure Manual, Confidentiality Training*, and those in the scientific research community.
9. To consult RDC staff anytime I have questions or concerns about my access to confidential data and my role to ensure that the confidential data are protected from unauthorized disclosures.

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If I knowingly violate of any of these conditions, this action may result in cancellation of this Data Use Agreement and my access to the confidential data terminated. I may also be barred from any future use of the confidential data upon review and determination by the NCHS Director.

I sign this document under penalty of perjury, and I attest to uphold the conditions listed above. If I fail to abide by these listed conditions, I may be in violation of 18 U.S.C. 1001 where making a knowing and willful false statement to any Department or Agency of the Federal Government violates 18 U.S.C. 1001 and is punishable by a fine or up to 5 years in prison or both.

Researcher Signature:	[SEAL]
Subscribed and sworn or affirmed before me on:	
At (city, state):	
Notary Public Signature:	
My commission expires:	
Title (Officer/Notary Public):	

NCHS RDC employee supervising the Designated Agent:

NCHS RDC Employee name
NCHS RDC employee signature
Date

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Designated Agent Agreement – NCHS Research Data Center (RDC) Affidavit of Non-Disclosure

I, (name) _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) I will observe all policies and procedures that protect the confidential data I access from unauthorized disclosures. The data that I will access in the RDC is described in my RDC proposal. I will not disclose this confidential data, either while as an agent or after project conclusion, whether in data files, lists, or reports created using the confidential data, as specified under section 308 (d) of the Public Health Service Act and under penalties* set forth in §3572(f) of the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act (44 U.S.C. 3561 – 3583).

I agree that the output will be reviewed by an RDC staff member for disclosure of confidential data and that it is my responsibility to use the output in a way that does not pose additional risk to the respondents. If I discover or can inadvertently deduce individual level-information, I agree that I will not share this information with anyone or in any publication and will immediately bring it to the attention of RDC staff. If I have questions about confidentiality policies or procedures or any other concerns, it is my responsibility to ask an RDC staff member.

Signature of Designated Agent:	[SEAL]
Subscribed and sworn or affirmed before me on:	
At (city, state):	
Notary Public Signature:	
My commission expires:	
Title (Officer/Notary Public):	

NCHS RDC employee supervising the Designated Agent:

NCHS RDC Employee name
NCHS RDC employee signature
Date

Note: The oath of non-disclosure must be administered by a person specified in 5 U.S.C. 2903. The word “swear,” wherever it appears above, should be stricken out when the appointee elects to affirm rather than swear to the affidavit; only these words may be stricken, and only when the appointee elects to affirm the affidavit.

*Whoever, being an officer, employee, or agent of an agency acquiring information for exclusively statistical purposes, having taken and subscribed the oath of office, or having sworn to observe the limitations imposed by section 3572, comes into possession of such information by reason of his or her being an officer, employee, or agent and, knowing that the disclosure of the specific information is prohibited under the provisions of this subchapter, willfully discloses the information in any manner to a person or agency not entitled to receive it, shall be guilty of a **class E felony** and **imprisoned for not more than 5 years**, or fined not more than **\$250,000**, or both.

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**DATA USE AGREEMENT
FOR
ACCESSING CONFIDENTIAL
NATIONAL CENTER FOR HEALTH STATISTICS DATA
VIA
VIRTUAL DATA ENCLAVE**

The National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) conducts statistical and epidemiological activities under authority granted by the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 242k). The confidentiality of NCHS data is protected under Section 308(d) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 242m(d)) and the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act (CIPSEA; 44 U.S.C. 3561-3583). Pursuant to CIPSEA, NCHS is allowed to provide access to confidential data for use by designated agents for statistical purposes.

NCHS may make these confidential data available for statistical, research, or evaluation purposes to requesters qualified and capable of research and analysis consistent with the statistical, research, or evaluation purposes for which the data were collected. However, these data will only be provided to researchers if the data are used and protected in accordance with applicable law as reflected in the terms and conditions stated in this Data Use Agreement (DUA).

This DUA is a binding agreement between NCHS and the agency or organization that executes this agreement and after both parties sign the agreement.

This DUA is executed between

_____ [insert name of the agency or organization]

and NCHS. The agency or organization named herein, is hereafter referred to as the "Data Recipient" or "DR". The Data Recipient (DR) and NCHS agree to the following:

I. INFORMATION SUBJECT TO THIS AGREEMENT

- A.** All confidential, identifiable NCHS data as described in the approval proposal (see Attachment 1) and all output derived from confidential, identifiable NCHS data that have not undergone and cleared a disclosure review are subject to this agreement and are referred to in this agreement as "subject data".
- B.** Subject data under this agreement will be provided to the DR and its authorized employees through the NCHS Virtual Data Enclave (VDE). The NCHS VDE is a computer system that allows approved researchers to remotely access and use subject data for research and statistical purposes.

- C. The subject data must only be used in a manner and purpose consistent with:
1. Section 308(d) of the Public Health Service Act and CIPSEA, which provide that the subject data may be used only for statistical, research, or evaluation purposes consistent with purposes for which the data were collected and the research and analysis described in the approved proposal that DR employees submitted to NCHS (attached and made as part of this agreement; see Attachment 1);
 2. The limitations imposed under the provisions of this agreement;
 3. Relevant sections of Section 308(d) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 242m(d)) and the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act (CIPSEA; 44 U.S.C. 3572(f)) as attached and made as part of this agreement (see Attachment 2); and
 4. Title to and ownership of all subject data accessed under this agreement will reside with NCHS. Subject data are owned by NCHS.

II. INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY HAVE ACCESS TO SUBJECT DATA

- A. There are two categories of persons affiliated with or employed by the DR that NCHS authorizes to have access to the subject data. The two categories of persons are:
1. The named Principal Investigator (PI) who serves as the research team lead and oversees the day-to-day research involving the use of subject data and is also responsible for primary communication with NCHS and with implementation and compliance with the terms and conditions of this agreement for the research team. The PI is listed in the approved proposal.
 2. Professional/Technical individuals (P/T) who are on the research team and who conduct the research for which this agreement was issued. All P/Ts must adhere to the terms and conditions in this agreement. P/Ts are listed in the approved proposal.
- B. The PI and all P/Ts must comply with all requirements in this agreement. Any PI or P/T who fails to comply with all requirements in this agreement may be subject to administrative penalties, fines, termination of this agreement, and/or imprisonment as outlined in this agreement (see section VI).

- C. The DR must identify a Senior Official (SO) who has the legal authority to sign this agreement on behalf of the DR (see section VII.D). The SO, in most cases, would not have access to the subject data.

III. LIMITATIONS ON DISCLOSURE

- A. The DR and its employees (authorized users: PI and P/Ts) shall not use or disclose subject data for any administrative or judicial purpose, nor may the subject data be applied in any manner to change the status or condition of any individual regarding whom subject data is maintained.
- B. The DR and its employees shall not disclose subject data to unauthorized persons.
- C. The DR and its employees shall not make any publication or other release of subject data listing information that may identify specific individuals or specific establishments.
- D. The research conducted under this agreement and the disclosure of subject data needed for that research must be consistent with the statistical, research, or evaluation purpose for which the data were supplied. The subject data may not be used to identify individuals or specific establishments.
- E. The DR and its employees may publish output only if it clears an NCHS disclosure review and the output matches the description of output in the approved proposal as submitted by PI. Output will not be approved for release if it cannot clear a disclosure review, or it does not match the output described in the approved proposal.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

- A. The research team will not be granted access to any subject data until sections IV.B, IV.C and IV.E are completed to the satisfaction of NCHS.
- B. Confidentiality training
 1. The DR will ensure that the PI and all P/Ts completes items 2 through 4 below.
 2. The PI and all P/Ts will take and complete NCHS confidentiality training (see Attachment 3).
 3. The PI and all P/Ts will take and complete a NCHS confidential training test and obtain a confidentiality training completion certificate.

4. The PI and all P/Ts will provide the confidentiality training completion certificate to NCHS and keep a copy.

C. Execute Designated Agent Form

1. The DR will ensure that the PI and all P/Ts undertakes and completes items 2 through 4 below.
2. The PI and each P/T is required to complete, sign and have notarized a Designated Agent form (Attachment 3). Federal employees may sign the Designated Agent form using their government issued identification card (i.e., PIV card).
3. Each person who executes a Designated Agent form must read and acknowledge the contents of this agreement, the Designated Agent form, and complete the confidentiality training.
4. The PI must promptly, after the execution of all Designated Agent forms, submit the original or electronic version of the form(s) to NCHS and the PI shall maintain a copy.

D. Notification regarding authorized persons

1. The DR will ensure that the PI undertakes and completes items 2 and 4 below.
2. The PI shall promptly notify NCHS if the PI plans to leave the employment of the DR. Before employment separation from the DR, the PI must notify NCHS whether the project covered by this agreement will be terminated or a replacement PI will be installed. If a new PI is installed to manage the project, this agreement will have to be resigned with the new PI signing the new agreement. If the PI wants to move the project to a new DR (employer), then the new DR and the PI must sign a new agreement.
3. The PI shall promptly notify NCHS when any P/T who has been authorized to access the subject data, is no longer accessing the data (e.g., leaves the research team).
4. The PI shall promptly notify NCHS when any new P/T needs to be authorized to access the subject data. The PI will execute a Designated Agent form and complete the require confidentiality training for any new P/Ts as per section IV.A and IV.B.

E. Location of access

1. The DR will work with the PI to establish a secure room where the PI and P/T(s) may access the confidential NCHS data via the NCHS VDE.

2. The secure room must be located within a building and room controlled by the DR.
3. The location of the secure room will be listed and identified in the form "Authorized Secure Room Location Information For Accessing the Virtual Data Enclave (VDE)". See Attachment 4 of this agreement.
4. DR security personnel, the PI and P/Ts are the only authorized persons to have access to and be inside the secure room when the subject data are actively being accessed and used within the VDE. The secure room door must be locked when authorized person(s) are actively using the VDE (i.e., an active VDE session is operating). This prevents unauthorized intrusions into the secure space which could compromise the confidentiality of the subject data.
5. The PI and all P/Ts can only access the VDE system from within this identified secure room. Accessing the VDE from any other unauthorized location will constitute a violation of the security requirements of this agreement and will immediately subject the person(s) involved to the penalties outlined in this agreement.
6. The secure room will be inspected to ensure that the data are secure from unauthorized access. This inspection may be conducted in-person or virtually by NCHS personnel.
7. The DR agrees that NCHS will conduct unannounced and announced inspections of the secure room to ensure the room meets NCHS's requirements to limit access to authorized persons as designated by this agreement. These inspections evaluate compliance with the terms of this agreement.
8. If the secure room must change locations during the life of this agreement, that PI must notify NCHS before changing the location of the secure room. NCHS must inspect and approve the new secure room before subject data is accessed in the VDE.

F. Publications made available to NCHS

1. The PI shall provide NCHS a near final copy of each publication (e.g., all forms of disseminated information products including, but not limited to: papers, journal articles and presentation slides) containing information based on subject data or other data product based on subject data before they are disseminated to any person who is not the PI or a P/T.
2. Because the publication or other release of research results could raise reasonable questions regarding disclosure of individually identifiable information contained in subject data, copies of the proposed publication or release must be provided

to NCHS before that disclosure is made so that NCHS may advise whether the disclosure is authorized under this agreement and the provisions of section 308(d) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 242m(d)) and CIPSEA (44 U.S.C. 3561-3583).

3. The DR agrees not to publish or otherwise release research results to unauthorized persons if NCHS advises that such disclosure is not authorized under applicable federal law or per the terms and conditions of this agreement.
 4. NCHS reviews these publications for disclosure risk and whether the output used matches the description of output provided in the approved proposal. NCHS does not review these publications for scientific merit.
- G.** The DR or PI will notify NCHS immediately upon receipt of any legal, investigatory, or other demands for release or disclosure of subject data (e.g., a Freedom of Information Act request). The DR or PI must provide NCHS the name of the requester, requester contact information and the nature of the request. The DR shall not, under any circumstances, release, give or disclose subject data to any unauthorized entity making the demand for the subject data.
- H.** If the DR, PI and/or and P/T suspects or discovers any breach or suspected breach of the security requirements or terms and conditions of this agreement, then the DR or PI must notify the NCHS Research Data Center (RDC) Director within 24 hours of discovery and provide written details of incident or suspected incident.
- I.** The DR and PI agree to report any confirmed or suspected loss, including theft and unauthorized disclosure or access of subject data to the CDC Network Operations Security Center (NOSC) 24 x 7 Emergency Number (1-866-655-2245) **within one hour of discovery**. Additionally, the DR and PI agree to prepare a list of all subject data involved in the incident. Lastly, after notifying CDC NOSC, the DR and PI will notify NCHS with the incident number issued by CDC NOSC and provide the list of all NCHS subject data involved in the incident. The DR and PI will not communicate specific details of subject data involved (e.g., geographical identifiers, detailed race, and income) via unencrypted email.

V. SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

A. Accessing and using subject data within the VDE

1. The DR will ensure that the PI and P/T adheres and follows all security requirements in items 2 through 14 below.

2. The PI and P/T will only access the subject data on the VDE within the approved secure room designated in this agreement (Attachment 4).
3. No unauthorized person will have access to the secure room or be present within the secure room while the subject data is being used or accessed on the VDE.
4. The PI and all P/Ts will not attempt to circumvent any of the security controls in place within the VDE system to exfiltrate the subject data or allow unauthorized person access to the subject data.
5. The PI and all P/Ts must never share their personally assigned VDE login credentials (e.g., user ID or password) with any other person. Sharing login credentials with other persons will constitute a severe violation of the security requirements of this agreement and will immediately subject the person(s) involved to the penalties outlined in this agreement.
6. The PI and all P/Ts will make no attempt to extract, cut and paste or copy any subject data or output based on the subject data from or out of the VDE system. Extracting any subject data outside of the VDE system will constitute a violation of the security requirements of this agreement and will immediately subject the person(s) involved to the penalties outlined in this agreement.
7. The PI and all P/Ts will not photograph, transcribe, or take computer screenshots of any subject data or output (based on subject data) as displayed during a VDE session. Photographing, transcribing or taking screenshots of any subject data or output as displayed in a VDE session will constitute a violation of the security requirements of this agreement and will immediately subject the person(s) involved to the penalties outlined in this agreement.
8. The PI and all P/Ts will not attempt to print any subject data or output (based on subject data) displayed during a VDE session. Printing any subject data or output as displayed in a VDE session will constitute a violation of the security requirements of this agreement and will immediately subject the person(s) involved to the penalties outlined in this agreement.
9. The PI and all P/Ts will not attempt to add any external data to the provided subject data by inputting the external data into the provided subject data as provided in their VDE account.

- 10.** The PI and all P/Ts will only access their assigned VDE account and folders and will make no attempt to access accounts and folders not assigned to the PI and any P/T.
- 11.** The PI and all P/Ts, when logged onto the VDE, must logoff of the VDE when leaving the secure room. The PI and all P/Ts must never leave the secure room when an active VDE session is running.
- 12.** The computer that will be used to access the VDE must have a password-protected screensaver set to lock the screen and computer after 5 minutes of inactivity. Locking the computer during a period of inactivity will prevent unauthorized access to the computer and VDE.
- 13.** The PI and all P/Ts understand and consent to NCHS using a variety of technology to monitor PI and P/T activity on the VDE (including which IP address the PI or P/T is using for VDE access). The PI and all P/Ts have no right to privacy when using the VDE.
- 14.** The PI and all P/Ts will ensure output based on the subject data are edited for any possible disclosures of individually identifiable data prior to requesting their release.

VI. PENALTIES

- A.** Any violation or suspected violation of the terms and conditions of this agreement or unauthorized disclosure of the subject data will subject the DR to possible revocation of this agreement and immediate termination of access to the subject data and the VDE.
 - 1.** When deemed appropriate, NCHS staff responsible for liaison with the PI shall initiate revocation of this agreement by written notice to DR and PI indicating the factual basis and grounds for revocation.
 - 2.** When deemed appropriate, NCHS staff responsible for liaison with the PI shall initiate immediate termination of access to the subject data and shut down the VDE account. In doing so, NCHS staff will indicate the factual basis and grounds for termination of access. Under this circumstance, any unused paid fees will not be refunded to the PI.
 - 3.** Upon receipt of the notice specified in paragraph VI.A.1 of this agreement, the PI has thirty (30) days to submit written argument and evidence to the NCHS Director or designee indicating why the agreement should not be revoked and access to the subject data be restored.

4. The NCHS Director or designee shall decide whether to revoke the agreement based solely on the information contained in the notice to the PI and the PI's response and shall provide written notice of the decision to the DR and PI within forty-five (45) days after receipt of PI's response.
 5. If the agreement is revoked, the PI and P/Ts will not have access to the subject data restored. The PI and/or P/Ts that violate the terms of this agreement or responsible for an unauthorized disclosure will be barred from future access to NCHS subject data for life.
 6. NCHS will notify the DR of any agreement violation and whether the agreement has been revoked. Details of agreement violations will be shared with DR legal counsel and the DR's governing Institutional Review Board. NCHS may bar the DR and all future DR affiliated researchers from accessing NCHS subject data.
- B.** Any violation of this agreement may also be a violation of Federal criminal law under the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. section 552a(i)(1)) and/or CIPSEA (see 42 U.S.C. 3572(f)). Alleged violations under CIPSEA are subject to prosecution by the Offices of the United States Attorney.

VII. PROCESSING OF THIS AGREEMENT

- A.** This agreement shall last for 3 years unless section VII.B is initiated.
- B.** This agreement may be extended an additional 3 years if the PI renews the approved proposal and pays the renewal fee.
- C.** This agreement may be terminated by either party when either party provides notice in writing. Such termination notice may establish the effective date of the termination.
- D.** The Senior Official (SO) of the DR cannot be the same individual designated as the PI under most circumstances. The SO must have the legal authority to bind the DR to the terms of this agreement and shall sign on behalf of the DR below. The SO certifies by signature that -
 1. The DR has the authority to undertake the commitments in this agreement;
 2. The SO has the legal authority to bind the DR to the terms and conditions of this agreement; and
 3. The PI is the research team lead that oversees the day-to-day research involving the use of subject data and will take

responsibility to manage the day-to-day statistical, research, or evaluation operations in using the subject data and will strictly adhere to all terms and conditions of this agreement.

Signature of the Senior Official

Date

Type/Print Name of Senior Official

Title: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone Number: (____) _____

- E.** The individual described in section II.A.1 as the PI shall sign this agreement. By way of signing this agreement, the PI stipulates strict adherence to all terms and conditions of this agreement and will ensure all P/Ts adhere to all terms and conditions of this agreement.

Signature of the Principal Investigator

Date

Type/Print Principal Investigator Name

Title: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone Number: (____) _____

- F. The National Center for Health Statistics Director or Designee issues this agreement as effective of the date of the NCHS Director or Designee's signature below.

Signature of NCHS Director or Designee

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RDC Project Number: _____

Attachment 1

[insert approved proposal here]

Attachment 2

Public Health Service Act Section 308(d); 42 U.S.C. 242m(d))

“No information, if an establishment or person supplying the information or described in it is identifiable, obtained in the course of activities undertaken or supported under section 242b, 242k, or 242l of this title may be used for any purpose other than the purpose for which it was supplied unless such establishment or person has consented (as determined under regulations of the Secretary) to its use for such other purpose; and in the case of information obtained in the course of health statistical or epidemiological activities under section 242b or 242k of this title, such information may not be published or released in other form if the particular establishment or person supplying the information or described in it is identifiable unless such establishment or person has consented (as determined under regulations of the Secretary) to its publication or release in other form.”

Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act (CIPSEA; 44 U.S.C. 3561-3583)

§ 3572. Confidential information protection

(c) DISCLOSURE OF STATISTICAL DATA OR INFORMATION

“(1) Data or information acquired by an agency under a pledge of confidentiality for exclusively statistical purposes shall not be disclosed by an agency in identifiable form, for any use other than an exclusively statistical purpose, except with the informed consent of the respondent.”

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“(f) FINES AND PENALTIES - “Whoever, being an officer, employee, or agent of an agency acquiring information for exclusively statistical purposes, having taken and subscribed the oath of office, or having sworn to observe the limitations imposed by this section, comes into possession of such information by reason of his or her being an officer, employee, or agent and, knowing that the disclosure of the specific information is prohibited under the provisions of this subchapter, willfully discloses the information in any manner to a person or agency not entitled to receive it, shall be guilty of a class E felony and imprisoned for not more than 5 years, or fined not more than \$250,000, or both.”

Attachment 3

The confidentiality training and training test can be accessed at:

<https://www.train.org/cdctrain/course/1088489/>

The Designated Agent Agreement form can be accessed at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/rdc/data/b4/rdc-data-b4-DesignatedAgent-321.pdf>

Attachment 4

Authorized Secure Room Location Information
For
Accessing the Virtual Data Enclave (VDE)

Please fill-out all information below to specify the exact location of the secure room* where the VDE will be accessed:

Agency/Organization Name: _____

Building Name: _____

Building Address (include street number, street name, city, state and zip code):

Floor Number: _____

Corridor (if any): _____

Room Number: _____

* This secure room will be subject to a security inspection by NCHS personnel as per section IV.D.6 of this agreement.