



Eric J. Holcomb  
Governor

Lindsay M. Weaver, MD, FACEP  
State Health Commissioner

### Special Agreement between the Indiana Department of Health and Local Health Department for Viral Hepatitis Investigation Support Project Assistance

The local health department, \_\_\_\_\_, authorizes the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) Viral Hepatitis Program student investigators to perform the following case investigations that occur within their jurisdiction:

- Acute hepatitis B (HBV) and acute hepatitis C (HCV) case investigations in patients 18-49 years old informed of their status
- Acute hepatitis B (HBV) and acute hepatitis C (HCV) case investigations in patients older than 49 years old who are informed of their status by request to IDOH
- Chronic hepatitis C (HCV) and chronic hepatitis B case investigations in patients 18-49 years old informed of their status as capacity allows

The undersigned understands that the IDOH Viral Hepatitis Program student investigators will be responsible for assisting counties in contacting (1) the patient’s physician, (2) the laboratory performing the viral hepatitis test, and (3) the patient to complete the National Electronic Disease Surveillance System Base System (NBS) case investigation and education. IDOH Viral Hepatitis Program student investigators will not be responsible for the following:

- Conducting HBV and HCV case investigations among minors (aged <18)
- Conducting perinatal HBV and HCV case investigations
- Conducting chronic HBV and HCV case investigations in individuals aged >49 years
- Conducting HCV Ab (+), RNA (-) case investigations
- Conducting investigations when lab results originate from plasma or blood donation centers

The local health department acknowledges the above listed responsibility will remain within their jurisdiction. Depending on volume, the local health department may be asked to assist in completing case investigation. The term of this agreement is from May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025 and may be renewed annually. Please email or fax (317-233-7663) signed form by **May 31**. Additional jurisdictions signing up after May 31 may be added to the project if program capacity allows.

Jena Rasor will serve as the IDOH representative for the Viral Hepatitis Investigation Support Project. If you have any questions or concerns, you may reach her by phone (317-233-7743) or email (<mailto:jrasor@health.in.gov>).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Local health officer or designee (print name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title (if designee)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

To **promote, protect,** and **improve** the health and safety of all Hoosiers.