NBS Changes for Healthcare Reporters

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Purpose

As a part of our ongoing efforts to improve data stewardship and user experience, we are implementing changes to user access and reporting within NBS for healthcare reporters.

Morbidity Report Changes

Morbidity reports will continue to be the primary method with which NBS users should submit reports of communicable diseases to the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH).

Please continue to submit morbidity reports directly from an existing (or new) NBS patient file. Once you submit the morbidity report, however, you will no longer be able to view or edit the submission. In addition, you will not be able to view or edit morbidity reports submitted by other users, including those at your own facility.

You have successfully submitted the morbidity report when NBS redirects you to the patient's file after selecting "Submit." Please be aware that the morbidity report section of the Events tab will still appear blank and the number in parentheses will still display "0" even after a successful submission.

Latent Tuberculosis Infection (LTBI) Reporting Changes

To increase alignment with the reporting process for other conditions, LTBI will no longer be reported in NBS through the creation of an investigation, and instead will be reported through morbidity reports.

Please create a morbidity report and select the condition "Latent Tuberculosis Infection" to report this condition.

Recommendations

- Thoroughly review the morbidity report for completion and accuracy before submission

- Include all relevant attachments at the time of submission

- Utilize proper file naming conventions for all attachments. File names should only contain alphanumeric characters (A-Z, a-z, 0-9, space).

- Utilize a tracking system to document when morbidity report submissions have been made to reduce the occurrence of duplicate and missing reports

- When in doubt if a morbidity report has been previously submitted, please submit it again

Reports Feature Changes

Due to increased data security, users will no longer be able to use the reports feature within NBS to extract data directly from NBS. To request a report of data from your reporting facility, please contact your district field epidemiologist.

For questions, please contact:

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