

**The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC)
Response to the
Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE)
Position Statement 04-ID-07,
"Laboratory reporting of clinical test results indicative of HIV infection: new standards for
a new era of surveillance and prevention"**

CDC concurs with and fully supports the position statement which recommends that states consider requiring laboratories to report all levels of CD4 and both detectable and non-detectable viral load test results to state public health departments.

Following is CDC's response to CSTE's recommendations:

1. CDC has strongly advised HIV surveillance programs to implement CD4 and viral load reporting and to collect and report the first CD4 test obtained after HIV diagnosis. CDC has surveyed the surveillance programs to ascertain the current regulatory and policy framework for reporting these laboratory tests. This information has been widely shared with surveillance program personnel at the state and local levels.
2. Sessions on the importance of technical assistance and data management for epidemiologic analyses were provided as part of the National HIV/AIDS Surveillance workshop that was held in June 2004. CDC staff routinely highlight the importance of this program activity during site visits and provides technical guidance wherever possible. The data management system for HIV that is being developed by CDC greatly facilitates the electronic importation and processing of these laboratory reports. Supplemental funds have been provided to areas that have required additional hardware to support the Morbidity Monitoring System.