

June 23, 2010 – 1pm EST
CSTE Influenza Surveillance Workgroup Call
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1. ILI Net spatial visualization on Flu view
 - a. CDC would like to visualize on Flu view ILINet data at a smaller level than national level
 - b. Maps by CBSA and states have baselines developed for each area and thresholds for outbreaks.
 - i. The majority of attendees at the CSTE preconference influenza surveillance coordinators workshop preferred the state level rather than the CBSA level
 1. State level data is felt to be more stable than CBSA level
 - c. WI – prefers state visualization but worries that the mid-western states already share a weekly report with their own baselines and thresholds. Would this be consistent with those already established baselines and thresholds?
 - i. Many states have their own thresholds and baselines. CDC is proposing to calculate baselines and thresholds consistently across all states to be comparable against one another. CDC may ask states who do this to share their methods with CDC for consistency.
 - d. FL – prefers state visualization and would be interested in having the baseline/threshold information shared with the states.
 - i. CDC will send out the methods to all states.
 - e. NYC – will NYC be visualized separately from New York State?
 - i. Yes, CDC can visualize NYC separately from NYS as they have different levels of activity.
2. Electronic data streams
 - a. CDC is not sure whether they will be able to continue funding these electronic data streams. SPI, Cerner and GE Health data are in question regarding future support.
 - b. What is CDC's assessment as to how valuable these auxiliary data stream were?
 - i. These data streams need to add value (better, more complete, cheaper, more representative). Distribute is cost savings and GE health data can augment severity data.
3. ELC funding
 - a. Program announcement likely to go out mid-July and will be due mid/end-August (4-6 weeks after announcement)
 - b. Funding is in specific categories
 - c. CDC is asking states to think of creative ways to link data. Which lab results are being sent from ILINet providers

Action Items Summary:

- a. CDC intends to send out methods for baseline/threshold and maps to states
- b. CDC to ensure ELC announcement is sent out
- c. CDC will provide an update on the status of electronic data streams
- d. CDC will be conducting a survey of all states in August to determine the reporters and which hospitals (all or sentinel) will be sending in reports (to determine denominators)
- e. AHDRA website update
- f. CDC will discuss the change suggested in the age groups

Next call will be held on July 21st at 1pm EST

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