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To: All facilities interested in onboarding to the Houston Syndromic Surveillance Program serving Region 6/5S

Subject: Syndromic Surveillance Program Eligibility

In effect for 2015, 2016, and 2017, the Houston Health Department is only accepting syndromic surveillance data from hospitals with emergency centers in the Texas 6/5 South Health Service Region.

Please retain this letter to show the current capacity of the Syndromic Surveillance program at Houston Health Department.

Beyond our program, the Department of State Health Services is currently onboarding emergency centers to their Syndromic Surveillance program. Any requests for onboarding outside of Texas 2/3 and 6/5 South Health Service Regions should be submitted to syndromic-surveillance@dshs.state.tx.us.

Additionally, there are resources in the state such as Regional Extension Centers (RECs) which may be of help to Eligible Providers trying to attest. If your practice is located in the Texas Gulf Coast area you may contact:

Gulf Coast Regional Extension Center
7000 Fannin, Suite UCT 600
Houston, TX 77030
Phone: 713.500.3479 Fax: 713.500.3655
Email: GCREC@uth.tmc.edu
Web: <https://sbmi.uth.edu/gcrec/>

Otherwise this link can give you guidance for selecting a REC based on your geographical area:
<http://www.texmed.org/hitrec/>

Any updates regarding our program will be posted on our website:
http://www.houstontx.gov/health/Epidemiology/syndromic_surveillance.html

Thank you for your inquiry. If we can be of service in any way in the future please feel free to contact us at 832-393-5080 or syndromic@houstontx.gov.