

Surveillance - Appendix 6

Communication Data

Overview

During public health emergencies, timely and accurate communication among NJ Department of Health and Senior Services (NJDHSS), the public and stakeholders is imperative. The NJDHSS Office of Communications (OCOM) along with Communicable Disease Service (CDS) staff will craft messages to ensure stakeholders are receiving timely and accurate information. The Influenza Surveillance Program (ISP) will ensure that CDS/OCOM staff have the necessary surveillance and epidemiologic data to craft these messages.

It is expected that there will be significant public and media interest in the first few NJ cases during a pandemic. As the number of cases increases, it will not be feasible for ISP staff to provide individual case patient data. A data reporting template containing aggregate level data relevant to the pandemic will be implemented to ensure CDS/OCOM receive data needed to craft messages.

Methods

ISP and OCOM will jointly agree upon a data template which will be used to share pertinent data during the pandemic. The mechanism by which data is transmitted to OCOM data will be determined by internal protocols developed by OCOM in collaboration with CDS. A data template can be found in Appendix 6 - Attachment A. Definition of data elements contained on the data template will also be provided along with this template. This template will be implemented when individual case level data can no longer be supplied or when staff resources are no longer available to update CDS/OCOM on individual cases. Once a decision is made to utilize the data template, CDS, OCOM and ISP will jointly agree upon the deadline for data template submission to OCOM (i.e., specific times, once or twice daily) and the cutoff for data reported (i.e., data reports will likely reflect a cutoff time on the previous day). Individual patient level data including municipality of residence will not be shared with OCOM. The county of residence will be shared if deemed appropriate by CDS.

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Total number under investigation	
Onset range- all cases under investigation	

CDC Case Status	# Ill	# hosp	# died
# Confirmed			
# Probable			
# Possible			
# Suspect			
# Under investigation			
Total	-	-	-

Average Age (Median age)	x(x)		
Age Range	x to x		
Onset Range	date to date		

	# ill	# hosp	# died
ATLANTIC			
BERGEN			
BURLINGTON			
CAMDEN			
CAPE MAY			
CUMBERLAND			
ESSEX			
GLOUCESTER			
HUDSON			
HUNTERDON			
MERCER			
MIDDLESEX			
MONMOUTH			
MORRIS			
OCEAN			
PASSAIC			
SALEM			
SOMERSET			
SUSSEX			
UNION			
WARREN			
TOTAL			