



Health Alert



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Electronic HIV and Syphilis Reporting

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Summary and Action Items

- Effective January 6, 2021, the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) HIV/STI Bureau Office of HIV/STI Surveillance will begin accepting confidential HIV/AIDS case report forms and syphilis morbidity report forms electronically via the Chicago Health Information Management System (CHIMS) Provider Portal.
- Healthcare professionals (and designees) will need to apply and be approved for a Provider Portal account via the CHIMS Provider Portal Account Application System (<https://chims.cityofchicago.org/maven/portalLogin.do>) before morbidity reports can be submitted.
- For **technical assistance, registration, and additional support**: chims@cityofchicago.org

Background: Chicago Health Information Management System (CHIMS) will allow healthcare professionals and their designees to submit confidential HIV/AIDS case report forms, including for acute HIV cases, syphilis morbidity report forms, as well as congenital syphilis, **via the online portal**. Electronic reporting eliminates the need to complete and submit hardcopy forms via fax or mail.

Clinical Characteristics: HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) is a virus that attacks the body's immune system. If HIV is not treated, it can lead to AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome). Syphilis is a bacterial sexually transmitted infection. Syphilis can cause serious health sequelae if not adequately treated.

Reporting: The State of Illinois Administrative Code (Title 77; Part 693; Section 693.30 and Title 77; Part 697; Section 697.210) mandates that healthcare professionals (physicians, advanced practice nurses, and physician's assistants) who diagnose and/or treat individuals diagnosed with HIV/AIDS or syphilis, to report cases to CDPH. A detailed list of reportable conditions can be found on page two of this memorandum. For additional information regarding reporting, please refer to <https://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/077/077006930000300R.html> (STIs) and <https://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/077/07700697sections.html> (HIV/AIDS).

What Public Health is doing: Developing and enhancing timely submission of HIV/STI surveillance data to the health department via provider portal.

- CHIMS is available through internet connection
- No need to install special software
- Allows providers to track and manage morbidity reports submitted to the CDPH
- Case data will be kept separate in CHIMS and only available to approved facility users.

Additional Resources:

- **Instructions for Provider Portal Account:** Application Instructions are available on the Chicago Health Alert Network (HAN) STI website at: www.chicagohan.org/STD.

Contact Information:

- For questions, support, and technical assistance, email: chims@cityofchicago.org.