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To: U.S. State and Territorial Epidemiologist

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Subject: 2024 Changes to the National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System for Novel Influenza A Virus Infections

This memorandum summarizes changes to the national surveillance of novel influenza A virus infections based upon position statement [24-ID-09](#), titled *Update to Public Health Reporting and National Notification for Novel Influenza A Virus Infection*, which was approved by the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) on June 13, 2024.

Please ensure that this letter is shared with surveillance and informatics staff in your jurisdictions who are responsible for submitting novel influenza A case data to CDC.

Starting from September 29, 2024, jurisdictions should use the case definition outlined in position statement [24-ID-09](#) for identifying novel influenza A cases. However, this new case definition should not be applied retroactively to change the classification of cases reported before September 29, 2024.

CDC will post the updated novel influenza A virus infection national surveillance case definition to the [NNDSS case definitions website](#) in the coming weeks, and until then please reference position statement [24-ID-09](#) for the case definition.

The updates to position statement [24-ID-09](#) include:

- Revisions to the clinical, laboratory, and epidemiological criteria, for purposes of case ascertainment and case classification,
- Changes to the case classifications (i.e., confirmed, probable, and suspected), and
- Case counts published by CDC will now include confirmed **and probable** cases.

Novel influenza A virus infection remains on the Nationally Notifiable Condition List using the following notification timeframe: immediately notifiable, urgent (within 24 hours). Case notification data should continue to be sent to CDC's Influenza program using the Pediatric Death Reporting (PedFlu) reporting portal via CDC's Secure Access Management Services (SAMS). If you have questions about sending novel influenza A virus infection case data to CDC, please e-mail CDC's Influenza program at the FluViewSupport@cdc.gov mailbox.