

DSHS Applications and Databases Available for Access

Tuberculosis and Hansen's Disease Unit



TB program staff may request access to the DSHS applications and databases. A description of each database and application available has been provided to assist in determining which applications or databases may be necessary based on TB program staff role.

Request for access to or deactivation from a database/application with an Asterix (*) should be submitted through [Smartsheet](#) with approval from a Local Responsible Party (LRP). A [TB Personnel Form](#) will need to be submitted for new access requests and deactivation requests.

Accurint*

Accurint is a database that allows regional and local health departments to search for and verify information such as addresses and other identifying information of reported patients. Access is limited to two people per jurisdiction.

Cold-box Shipping Through Federal Express (FedEx)*

Programs may use the FedEx courier account supplied by the TB Unit to ship Unit-approved specimens to DSHS laboratories in Austin and Harlingen, as well as DSHS-contracted laboratories.

Electronic Disease Notification System (EDN)*

The Electronic Disease Notification system (EDN) is a centralized electronic reporting system that notifies U.S. state and local health departments and screening clinics of the arrival of refugees and immigrants with health conditions for which medical follow-up is recommended. State and local health department officials, as well as staff in health clinics that treat immigrants and refugees, may request access to the EDN system.

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Epi-X

The Epidemic Information Exchange (*Epi-X*) is the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's secure, web-based communications network that serves as a powerful communications exchange between CDC, state and local health departments, poison control centers, and other public health professionals. The system provides rapid reporting, immediate notification, editorial support, and coordination of health investigations for public health professionals. Participation in *Epi-X* is limited to public health officials designated by each health agency.

GlobalScape*

GlobalScape is a system for securely transferring files. It allows for cross-sharing sensitive information among PHRs, LHDs, and other entities such as Texas Center for Infectious Disease and Heartland National TB Center.

Lab Online (Labware)*

Provides access to Remote Data Systems. Remote Data Systems (RDS) allow providers to access their results over the web, and in some cases enter and submit patient data electronically.

National Electronic Disease Surveillance System (NEDSS)*

NEDSS is the primary statewide integrated infectious disease surveillance system utilized by public health epidemiologists and surveillance staff across Texas to monitor and respond to most notifiable infectious disease conditions. TB Programs will use NEDSS to report persons with latent TB infection (LTBI), confirmed or suspected TB disease, contacts, and other individuals screened for TB in Texas to the DSHS TB Unit

NTIP*

NTIP is a web-based tool that utilizes nationally set indicators to measure program progress toward achieving the National TB Objectives. These measures are developed to assess program progress towards the National TB Program Objectives agreed upon by CDC and the federally funded TB programs.

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National TB Surveillance System (NTSS)*

The National TB Surveillance System (NTSS) contains data reported to CDC using a standard case report called the Report of Verified Case of Tuberculosis (RVCT). The program is a cooperative effort of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and state and local health departments, who report cases of TB to CDC.

Tuberculosis Genotyping Information Management System (TB GIMS)*

The Tuberculosis Genotyping Information Management System (TB GIMS) is a secure web-based application provided by CDC for better dissemination and understanding of genotyping results and reports. It is available to health departments free of charge.

THISIS*

TB, HIV, STD Integrated System (THISIS) is an electronic disease surveillance system that provides interactive, automated information gathering and decision support processes for the reporting and management of Tuberculosis (TB), Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), and all reportable Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD). Public health staff will use THISIS to enter, manage, process, track, and analyze data for disease exposure events, treatment, and follow-up.