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Re: New regulations directing the use of MAVEN by local boards of health

The most recent revisions to the *Reportable Diseases, Surveillance and Isolation and Quarantine Requirements* (105 CMR 300.000) became effective on July 8, 2011. The addendum is attached.

Pursuant to sections 300.100: *Case Reports by Local Board of Health* and 300.160: *Diseases Reportable by Local Boards of Health to the Department*, local boards of health are now required to utilize the Department's secure web-based disease surveillance and case management system, namely MAVEN (Massachusetts Virtual Epidemiologic Network), for notifiable diseases. Now that the regulation is in effect, the Bureau of Infectious Disease will be taking a phased approach to bringing local boards of health online. Currently, over 200 local boards of health are already using MAVEN to meet their case investigation and surveillance needs. Our goal is for 95% of local boards to be live on MAVEN by the end of calendar year 2012.

BID will continue to provide comprehensive training and on-going technical support for all current and new MAVEN users. Staff will be contacting you in the weeks ahead to discuss how to move forward with this critical public health initiative. If you have any questions please contact the Office of Integrated Surveillance and Informatics Services (ISIS) at 617-983-6801 or email isishelp@state.ma.us. Thank you.

Addendum

Effective July 8, 2011, 105 CMR 300.000: *REPORTABLE DISEASES, SURVEILLANCE, AND ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS* were amended as follows:

300.020: Definitions

Disease Surveillance and Case Management System. A secure electronic system utilized by the Department and local boards of health to monitor or respond to diseases dangerous to the public health. The system shall be designated and maintained by the Department.

300.110: Case Reports by Local Board of Health

Each local board of health shall report to the Department the occurrence or suspected occurrence of any disease reported to the board of health, pursuant to 105 CMR 300.100. When available, the case's name, date of birth, age, sex, address and disease must be included for each report. **Each local board of health shall utilize the secure electronic disease surveillance and case management system designated and maintained by the Department.** Each case shall be reported immediately, but no later than 24 hours after receipt by the local board of health.

300.160: Diseases Reportable by Local Boards of Health to the Department

Whenever there shall occur in any municipality report of a case of unusual illness or cluster or outbreak of disease, including but not limited to suspected food poisoning, or an increased incidence of diarrheal and/or unexplained febrile illness, it shall be the duty of the local board of health to report immediately by **secure electronic disease surveillance and case management system designated and maintained by the Department and, if indicated by the Department, by telephone** the existence of such an unusual disease, outbreak, cluster, or increased incidence of illness to the Department.