Supplemental Guidance

BP1 2024-2025 Epi Work Plan

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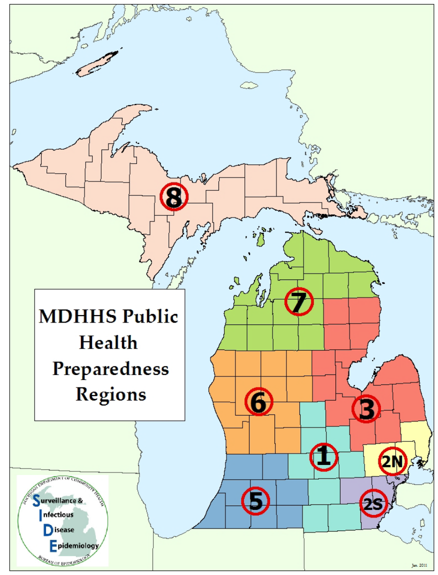

Please be prepared to describe the issue in detail to support personnel.

- For browser and connectivity issues contact your local information technology support staff.

- **Your Regional epidemiologist is the primary point of contact for issues specific to using the MDSS. (See contacts provided in the table below).**

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- If your Regional epidemiologist is unavailable, you may contact the Surveillance and Infectious Disease Epidemiology Section at the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services at: **(517) 335-8165** and email inquiries may be sent to: **mdhhs_mdss@michigan.gov**

Quarterly MDSS User Reviews

As part of the Epi Work Plan, local health departments are tasked with reviewing users in the Michigan Disease Surveillance System (MDSS) four times a year. The review has three purposes: 1) identify users to be removed from the system to maintain security and confidentiality, 2) monitor system use, and 3) maintain up-to-date contact information for all users.

Instructions for Deactivating MDSS Users

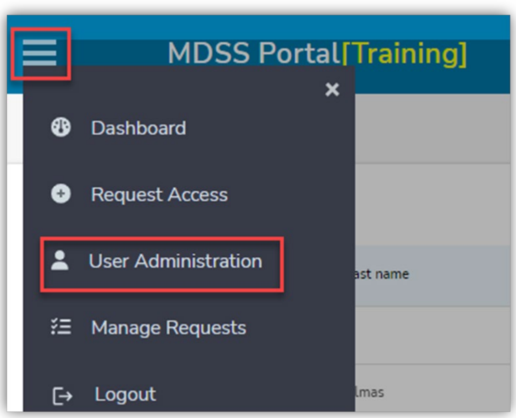
1. Users are automatically deactivated from the MDSS after 60 days of inactivity. **Manual review of users is still necessary**. An MDSS Administrator should deactivate a user within 24 hours of being notified that the user no longer needs MDSS access for their job duties.

   MDSS users will receive a warning email after 45 days of inactivity. Users that have been automatically deactivated from MDSS may still have active MILogin IDs. There are no restrictions on reactivating a previously deactivated user. If the user's account is re-activated, the user must login to MDSS by the end of the day to stay active, otherwise the user's account will be inactivated again.
2. Only state-level users are able to deactivate LHD Administrators; work with your Regional Epidemiologist to accomplish this task.
3. Health departments do not have to test each user's email address each quarter. It is sufficient to "keep an eye" on users and email addresses by simply reviewing the list each quarter.
4. MDHHS will contact health departments regarding email addresses that are returned from the MDSS listserv as undeliverable. Follow-up for these undeliverable email addresses should be a request to users to update their email address or deactivation of users who no longer need access to the MDSS.

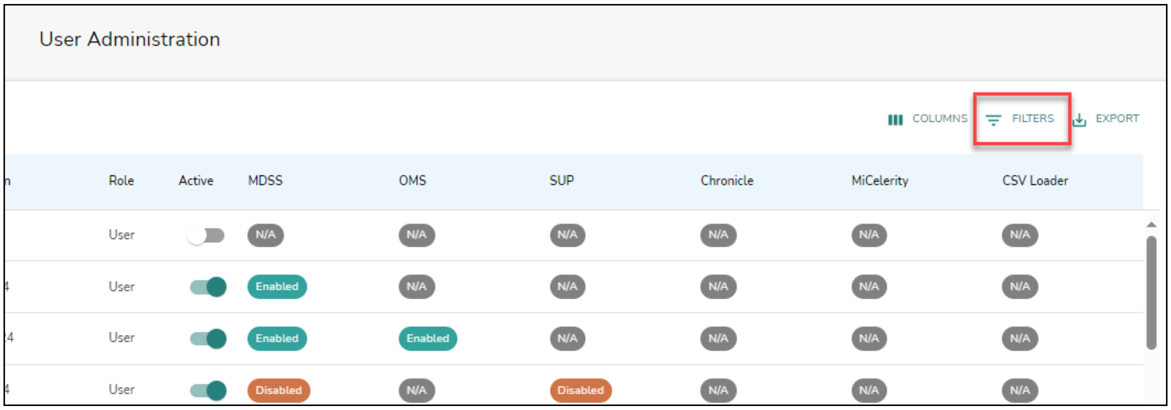
Instructions for Creating the MDSS User List

Since the creation of the MDSS Portal Page, exporting users from the portal is the current best option. MDSS users can still be exported from within the MDSS module, however because users can stay 'enabled' in the module, they may look active, but may be inactive in the portal.

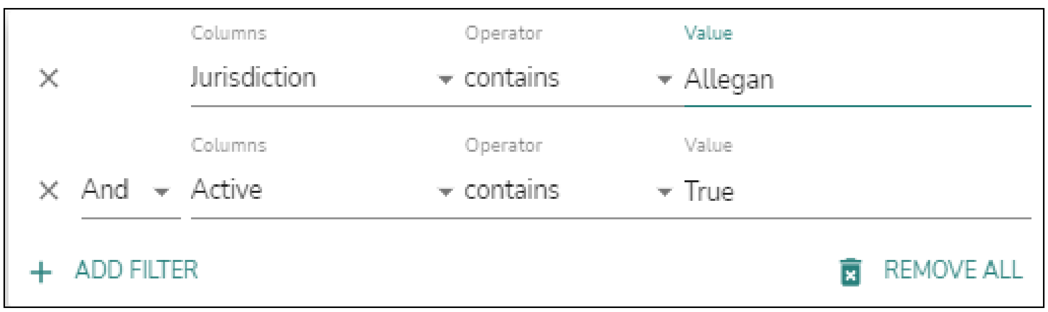
1. Sign into MILogin and the MDSS Portal
2. Click on the hamburger icon in the upper left-hand corner and select **User Administration**. NOTE: *This is only available to Portal Administrators.*



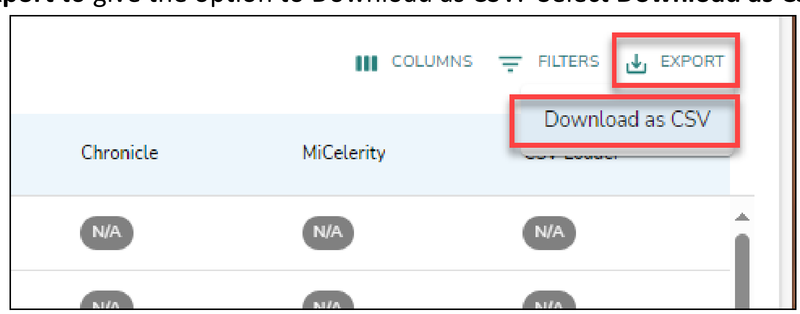
3. Select **Filters** to find a subset of users.



4. In the Filters pop-up:
    a. Select "Jurisdiction" from the columns drop down menu. Keep "contains" as the operator and type the jurisdiction name in the value space.
    b. Click Add FILTER to add another filter.
    c. Select "Active" from the columns drop down menu. Keep "contains" as the operator and type True to filter for active users.



5. Click on **Export** to give the option to Download as CSV. Select **Download as CSV**.



6. Go to your downloads and open the MDSS Portal File. Save file in a secure space.

7. The CSV file will include the following variables: User Name, First Name, Last Name, Jurisdiction, Last Portal Login, Portal Role, Active, and Module Access (MDSS, OMS, SUP, Chronicle, MiCelerity, CSV Loader).

   Note: True = Active or Enabled; False = Inactive or Disabled; Blank = module not requested

User Nam	First name	Last name	Jurisdictic	Last Porta	Role	Active	MDSS	OMS	SUP	Chronicle	MiCelerity	CSV Loader
			Statewide	2024-03-1	User	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE				
			Statewide	2024-02-0	User	TRUE	FALSE		FALSE			
			Statewide	2024-03-1	User	TRUE	TRUE	FALSE				
			Statewide	2024-03-1	Admin	TRUE	TRUE		TRUE			TRUE
			Statewide	2024-01-2	User	TRUE	TRUE					
			Statewide	2024-03-1	Admin	TRUE	TRUE	FALSE		TRUE		
			Statewide	2024-03-1	SuperAdm	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE

8. Review active users in your jurisdiction.
9. During each review period, deactivate users that no longer need MDSS access. If you need assistance, contact your Regional Epidemiologist.
10. Sign and date the file (electronic signature is OK).
11. Save the file and send it to your Regional Epidemiologist.

Registering for the Michigan Syndromic Surveillance System (MSSS)

Step 1: Complete Training

Before registering for the system, please review the MSSS Training Slides available at www.mi.gov/mdss. The training provides users with a basic understanding of how syndromic data is gathered and processed and explains the functionality of the screens to which users will have access.

After reviewing the training slides, please contact your Regional Epidemiologist to let them know you completed the review. Your regional epidemiologist can provide additional training, if needed.

Step 2: Registration in MILogin

Please see instructions on the following pages.

Step 3: System Access

After you complete the registration process and your review of training slides is verified, you will be granted access to the system. This typically occurs within two business days. If you are not approved within this timeframe, contact your Regional Epidemiologist.

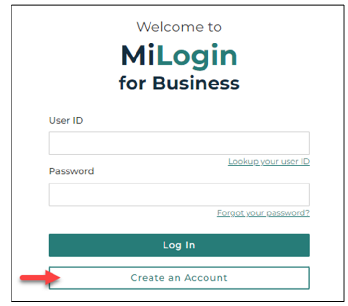
If you have any questions regarding syndromic surveillance please contact your Regional Epidemiologist or Katie Arends (arendsk@michigan.gov)

MSSS Registration in MILogin

Due to the confidentiality of data entered and stored in the MSSS, there are several steps that must be completed to register for the application. The MILogin and MSSS registration processes will only need to be completed once per user.

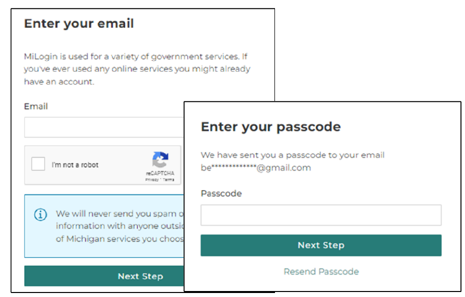
MILogin Registration

If you already have a MILogin User ID and password (e.g., Michigan Disease Surveillance System (MDSS) users or Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR) users), proceed to Requesting Access to MSSS.

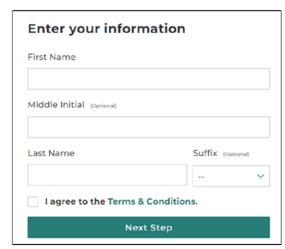


1. Using your Internet browser (Chrome is preferred for MSSS), navigate to the following into the website:
   - MILogin for Non-Michigan.gov emails - https://milogintp.michigan.gov/
   - MILogin for Michigan.gov emails – https://miloginworker.michigan.gov/

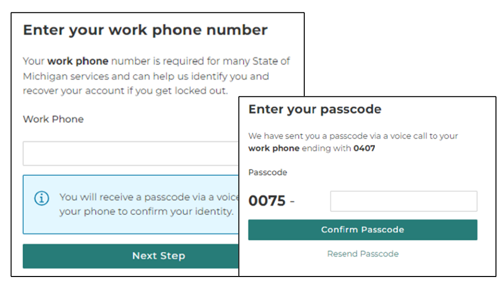
2. The "MILogin" page will display. Click the **Create an Account** button.



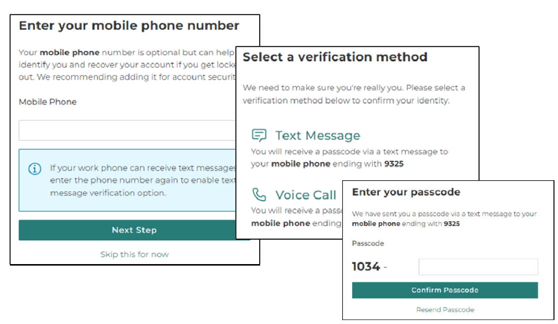
3. Enter your email address, check the **I'm not a robot** box and then click **Next Step**. *A verification email will be sent to the address provided – go to your email to find your passcode.* Enter the passcode into the MILogin verification screen. Click **Next Step**.



4. In the next window, enter your first and last name. Check to box to agree to Terms & Conditions. Then click **Next Step**.



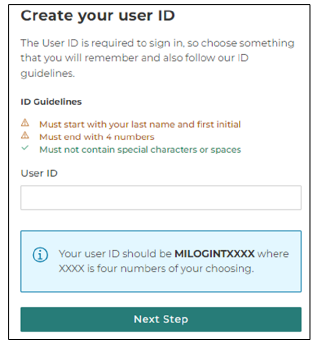
5. Enter your work phone number then click **Next Step**. *You will receive a voice call to the number provided with a passcode. The number provided should be a **direct line to you** so that you receive the passcode.* Enter the passcode into the MILogin verification screen. Click **Confirm Passcode**.

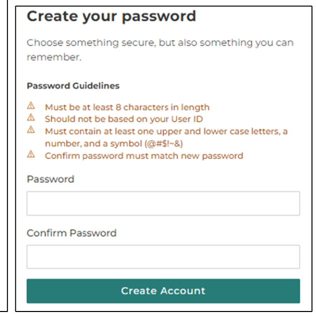


6. Enter your mobile phone number (*Entering your mobile phone number is optional but can help to recover a locked account*) then click **Next Step**. Select a verification method (text message or voice call). Enter your passcode and click **Confirm Passcode**.

7. Create a User ID. *The User ID must be last name, first initial, and any 4 numbers with no space between them.* Click **Next Step**.

8. Create a qualifying password. Click **Create Account**.



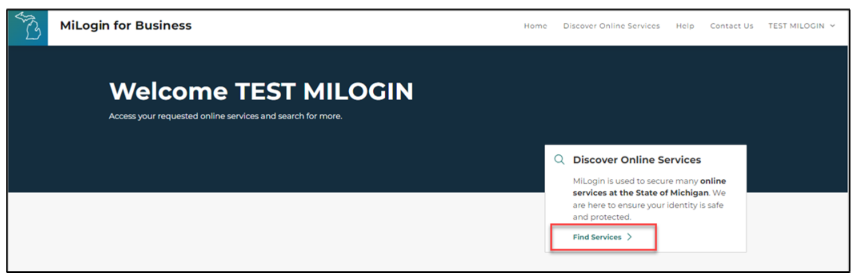


9. Once your account is created successfully, the MiLogin Home Page will appear. *If the Home Page does not appear, you can navigate to the MILogin website and enter your new User ID and password.*

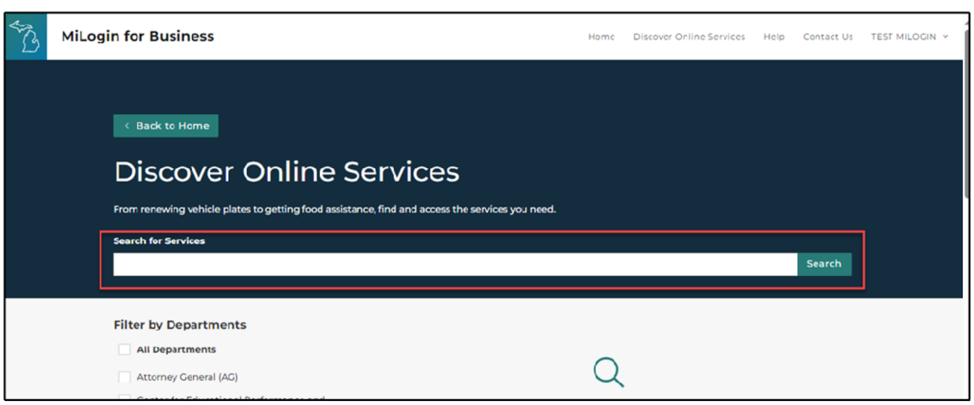
<u>Requesting Access to MSSS</u>

Once you are a registered user of MILogin, you need to request access to MSSS.

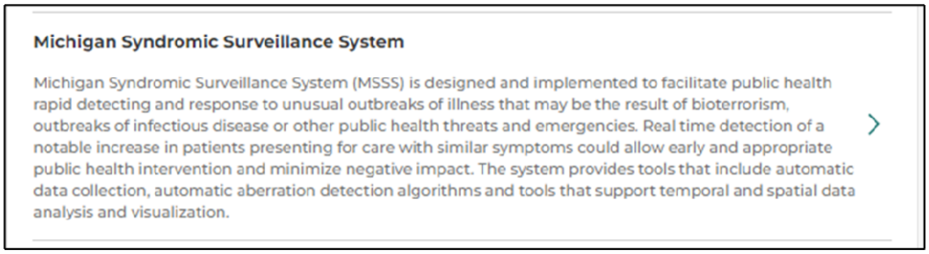
1. Using your Internet browser, navigate to MILogin:
    - MILogin for Non-michigan.gov emails – https://milogintp.michigan.gov/
    - MILogin for Michigan.gov emails – https://miloginworker.michigan.gov/
2. Enter your MILogin User ID and Password.
3. Click the **Log In** button. The MILogin home page will display.
    - If you see the Michigan Syndromic Surveillance System link on the Home Page, you already have permission to access MSSS. Proceed to the next section, <u>Registering with MSSS</u>.
4. Click **Find Services** in the Discover Online Services Box to open a search page.



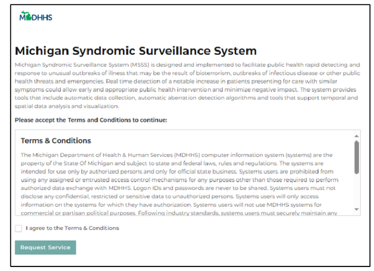
5. Type "**Michigan Syndromic Surveillance System**" into the search box and click **Search**.



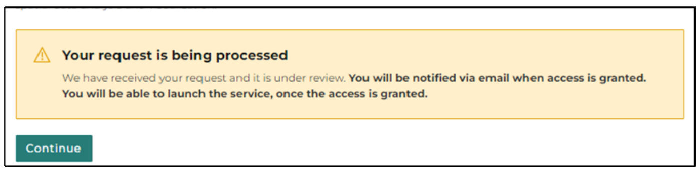
6. Find the Michigan Syndromic Surveillance System and click on the box/link.



7. Check the box to agree to Terms & Conditions and click **Request Service**.



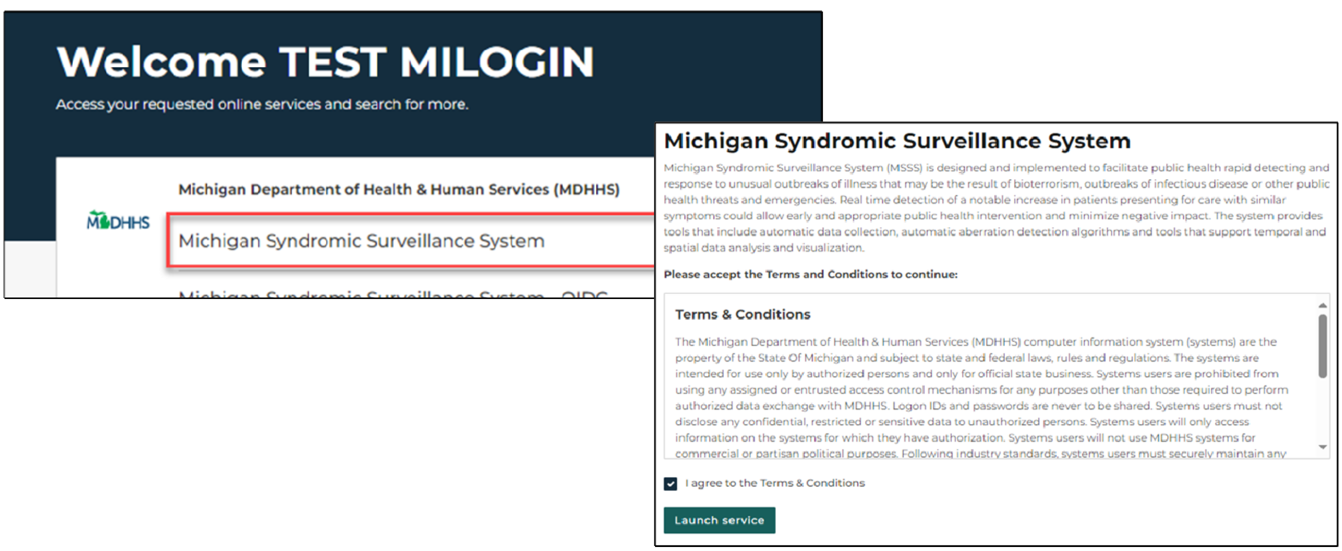
8. A message will appear that the request is being processed. Click Continue to return to the MILogin Home Page.



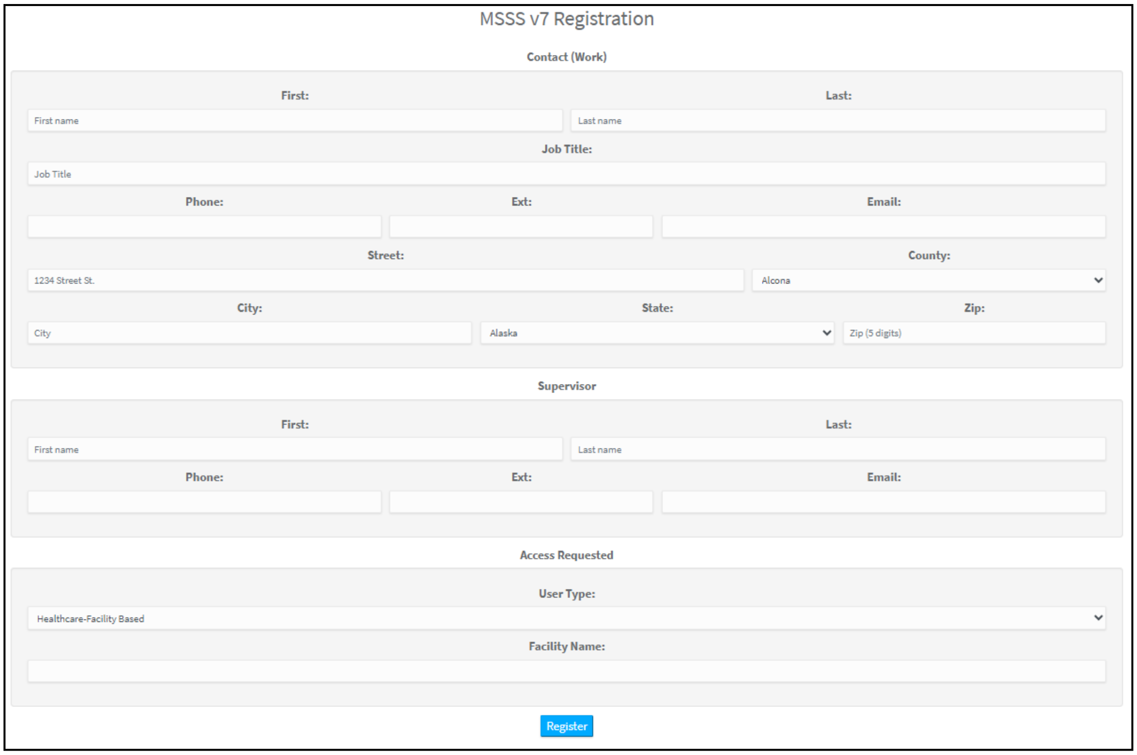
Registering with MSSS

The final step is to register with MSSS.

1. Using your internet browser (Chrome is preferred for MSSS), navigate to MiLogin:
    - MILogin for Non-michigan.gov emails - https://milogintp.michigan.gov/
    - MILogin for Michigan.gov emails – https://miloginworker.michigan.gov/
2. Enter your MILogin User ID and Password then click the **Log In** button.
3. Click the **Michigan Syndromic Surveillance System** link and check the box to agree to Terms & Conditions. Then click **Launch Service**.



4. The MSSS User Registration Form will display.
5. Enter the values for the fields.
    - For Healthcare-Facility Based, enter your *facility name*.
    - For Local Health Department Based, enter your jurisdiction.
6. Click **Register**.


MSSS v7 Registration

Contact (Work)

First: First name
Last: Last name
Job Title: Job Title
Phone:
Ext:
Email:
Street: 1234 Street St.
County: Alcona
City: City
State: Alaska
Zip: Zip (5 digits)

Supervisor

First: First name
Last: Last name
Phone:
Ext:
Email:

Access Requested

User Type: Healthcare-Facility Based
Facility Name:

Register

Maintain an Active Account

After gaining access to the MSSS, make sure you maintain an active account. Users will be automatically deactivated if they do not log into the MSSS at least every 60 days. A warning email will be sent to users after 45 days of inactivity.

Epi-X Registration

CDC's Epidemic Information Exchange (*Epi-X*) is a secure, web-based network for information exchange. It connects public health professionals involved in identifying, investigating, and responding to public health threats. Local health department *Epi-X* users receive email notifications about new outbreaks, public health threats, alerts, reports, and more. Additional information about *Epi-X* can be found at www.cdc.gov/epix.

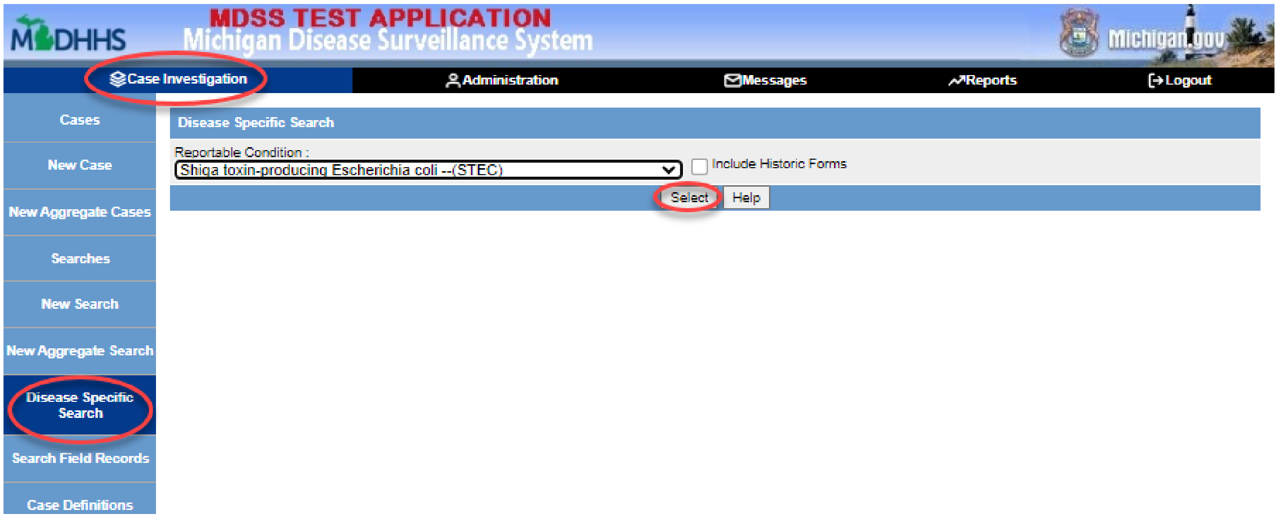
New *Epi-X* users must be pre-approved by the MDHHS State Epidemiologist. Submit the following information for new users to your Regional Epidemiologist so that they can be approved when they register:

- Name and Credentials
- Job Title
- Health Department Name
- Work Address
- Work Phone Number
- Work Fax Number
- Email Address

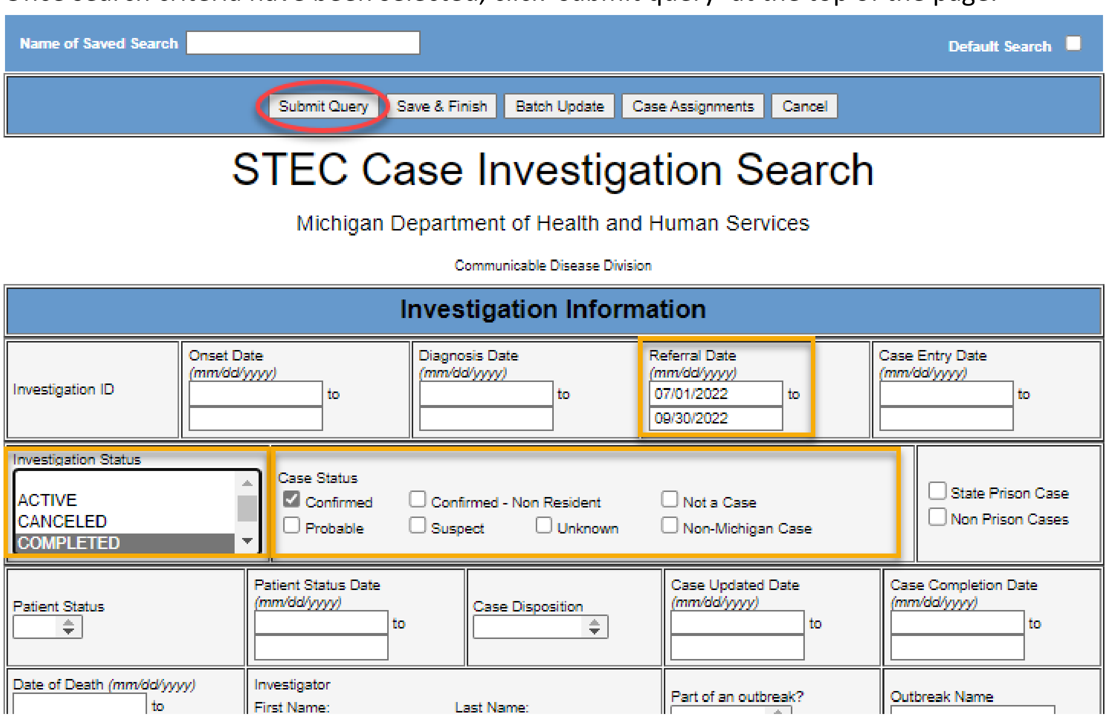
After submitting information to the Regional Epidemiologist, the new user should reach out to the CDC Epi-X Team by sending an email to EpiXHelp@cdc.gov, requesting assistance in registration.

MDSS: Disease-Specific Searches

1. Log onto MILogin and MDSS.
2. Under the Case Investigation module, choose Disease Specific Search.
3. Choose the reportable condition of interest and click Select. <u>Note</u>: you can only perform a disease-specific search on one reportable condition at a time.

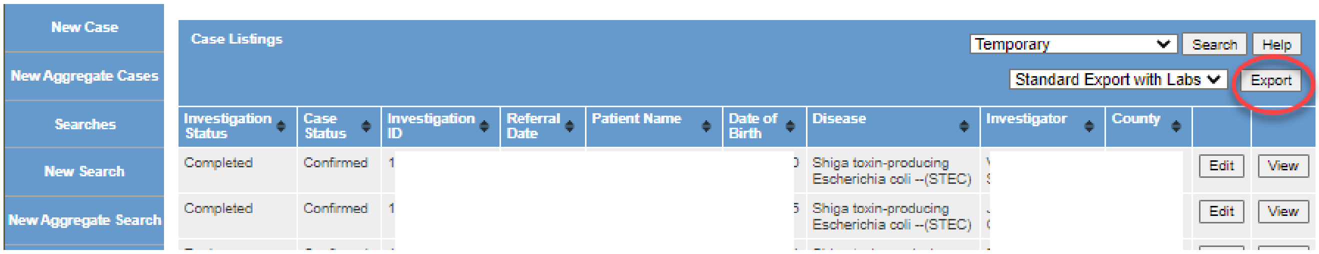


4. The case details screen will appear. Enter your search criteria. For example, to search for only confirmed, completed cases with referral dates from 07/01/2022 to 9/30/2022, type those dates under referral date, select 'completed' under Investigation Status and check the 'confirmed' box under case status. (To add probable cases to the search, also check the box for probable). Enter any other criteria necessary to narrow the search.
5. Once search criteria have been selected, click 'submit query' at the top of the page.

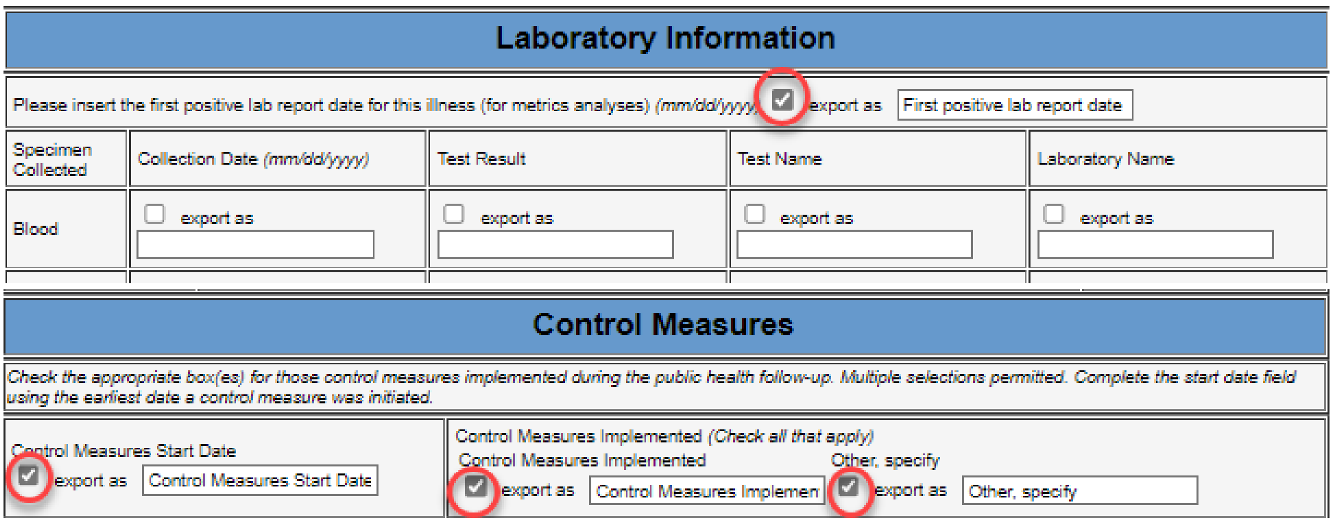


6. All the cases that fit the search criteria will appear as a case listing.

7. Click “export” at the top right of the page.



8. The case details screen will appear again. Select the fields that you want to export. Any (or all) fields in the form may be selected, but some frequently included data elements are onset date, investigation status, patient city, sex, age, symptoms, serotype, hospitalization, high risk foods, first positive lab report date, and control measures.



9. Click “Export” at the top or bottom of the page
10. Click ‘Continue’ on the pop-up screen that appears

11. Save or open the file in excel when you are prompted.
12. Your exported data should now be available for you to use in excel or any other software you prefer including SAS, SPSS or Epi Info.

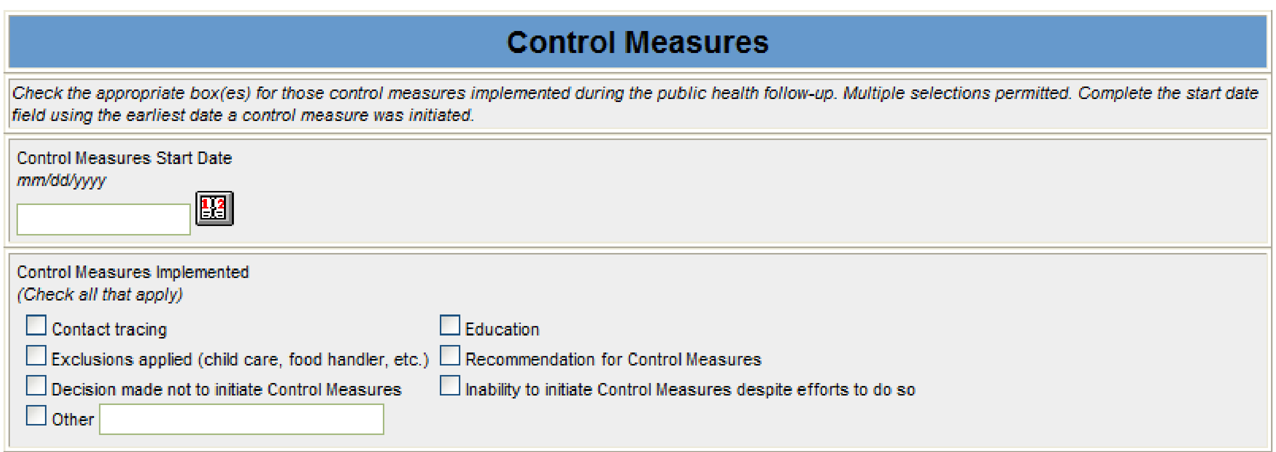
NOTE: if you are not able to export and download the file, you may need to hold down the “CTRL” button on the keyboard and keep holding while you a) click “export” and then b) save or open the file in excel when prompted. Release the ‘CTRL” button AFTER you save or open the file.

Guidance for Public Health Control Measures

The Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) cooperative agreement stresses the importance of the timely initiation and reporting of public health control measures of diseases such as Botulism, Tularemia, Shiga toxin-producing *Escherichia coli* (STEC), Hepatitis A, Measles, and Meningococcal disease. The Michigan Disease Surveillance System (MDSS) case report forms for these conditions have a Control Measures Section. This guidance document provides instructions for completing and assessing control measures.

Completing the Control Measures Section in the MDSS Case Report Form:

1. Enter the date that public health first initiated control measures. The control measures start date should be on or after the referral date.
    a. Control measures may include contact tracing, exclusions, or education provided to the case.
    b. The start date should be the date that contact was first attempted with the case or proxy. Please indicate in the notes if the contact attempt was to interview, provide education, or both.
    c. Do not use the date that contact was made to the healthcare provider or infection control provider (exception: there were exposures at a healthcare facility that require control measures).
    d. In some situations, such as in large outbreak investigations, the initial public health control measures may start prior to the referral date. In this instance, indicate the initial date in the notes but make the 'Control Measures Start Date' the same as that case's referral date.
2. Check all measures that were implemented.
3. If additional control measures are used throughout the duration of the case investigation, update the form by selecting the new measures, but keep the initial date.


Control Measures

Check the appropriate box(es) for those control measures implemented during the public health follow-up. Multiple selections permitted. Complete the start date field using the earliest date a control measure was initiated.

Control Measures Start Date
mm/dd/yyyy

Control Measures Implemented
(Check all that apply)

- ☐ Contact tracing
- ☐ Education
- ☐ Exclusions applied (child care, food handler, etc.)
- ☐ Recommendation for Control Measures
- ☐ Decision made not to initiate Control Measures
- ☐ Inability to initiate Control Measures despite efforts to do so
- ☐ Other

Assessing Timeliness and Completeness of Control Measures:

1. Perform a Disease Specific Search (found under the 'Case Investigation tab') with the following search parameters:

Reportable Condition: Select the condition of interest ***Note****: you can only search one condition at a time*
Referral Date: Select date range ***Note:*** *Quarterly reviews are submitted as part of the Epi Work Plan*
Investigation Status: Active, Completed, Completed-Follow Up, and Review (See Epi Work Plan for disease-specific guidance)
Case Status: Suspect, Probable, Unknown, and Confirmed (See Epi Work Plan for disease-specific guidance)

2. On the form, click Submit Query
3. On the case listing screen, click Export

In the form that appears, export the following variables by checking the box next to the variable:

Variables to Export	Under Section
Referral Date	Investigation Information *(near the top of the form)*
Control Measures Start Date	Control Measures *(near the bottom of the form)*
Control Measures Implemented	Control Measures *(near the bottom of the form)*

4. Holding the “Ctrl” key, click Export and keep the “Ctrl” key pressed until after you have saved or opened the file.
5. For each row, copy and paste columns A-F from the disease specific export into the template and ‘Time’ will auto-calculate. ***Note**: This template is available upon request from your regional epidemiologist.*

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
InvestigationID	NETSSID	JURISDICTION	Referral_Date	Control_Measures_Start_Date	Control_Measures_Implemented	Time

6. Review the times from referral date to start of control measures.
   a. Review dates for completeness and accuracy.
      i. For those with missing start dates, it may help to review information in the case notes. If dates are found in the notes, go back and update the control measures section.
      ii. Ensure that all control measure start dates are on or after the referral date.
   b. Appropriate timeframes for each reportable condition can be found below in **Table 1**.
7. Review the control measures that were implemented for completeness.
   a. For those missing control measures, it may help to review the case notes to assess whether any measures were actually implemented. If found in the notes, it is recommended to update this information in the control measures section.

Table 1: Appropriate Control Measure Initiation Timeframe for Selected Diseases

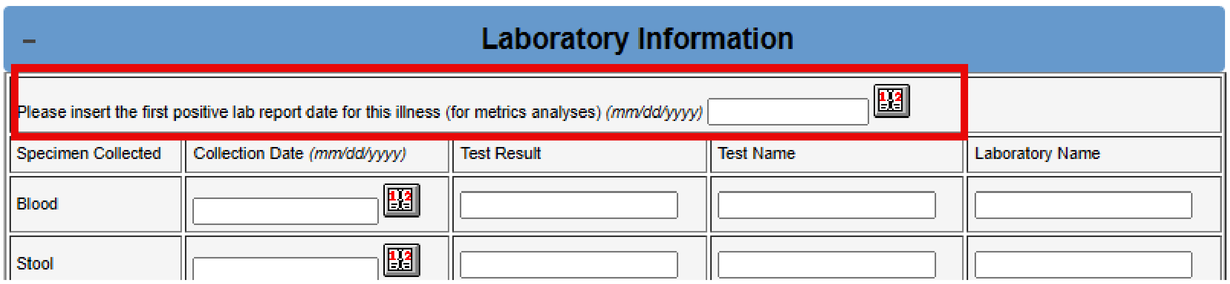
Disease	*E. coli* (STEC)	Hepatitis A, Acute	Measles	Meningococcal Disease	Botulism (except Infant)	Tularemia
Initiation timeframe (from initial case identification)	Within 3 days	Within 1 week	Within 24 hours	Within 24 hours	Within 24 hours	Within 48 hours

Guidance for ‘First Positive Lab Report Date’

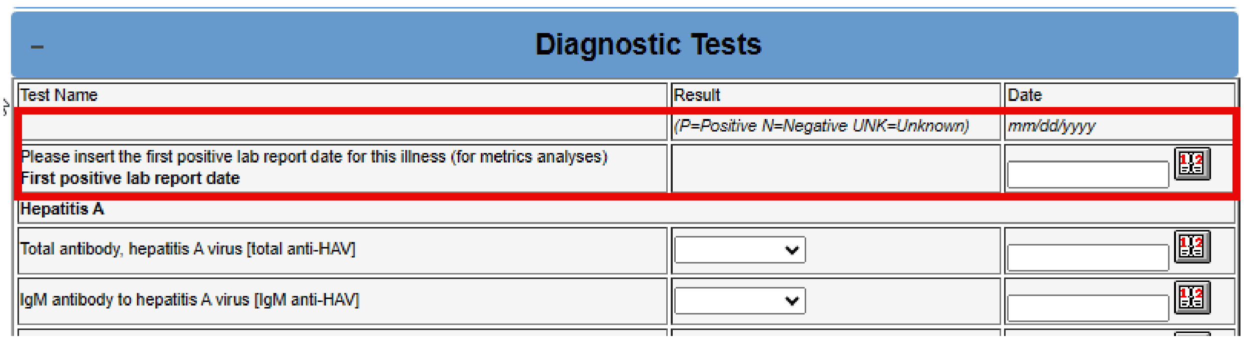
The Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) cooperative agreement stresses the importance of the documenting the proportion of reports of selected reportable diseases received by the public health agency within the required timeframe. To assist in compiling data, select MDSS Case Report Forms include a field to document the first positive lab report date.

The ‘first positive lab report date’ field can be found under the laboratory information for Shiga toxin-producing *Escherichia coli* (STEC), and under the diagnostic testing section for Hepatitis A.

STEC case report form:



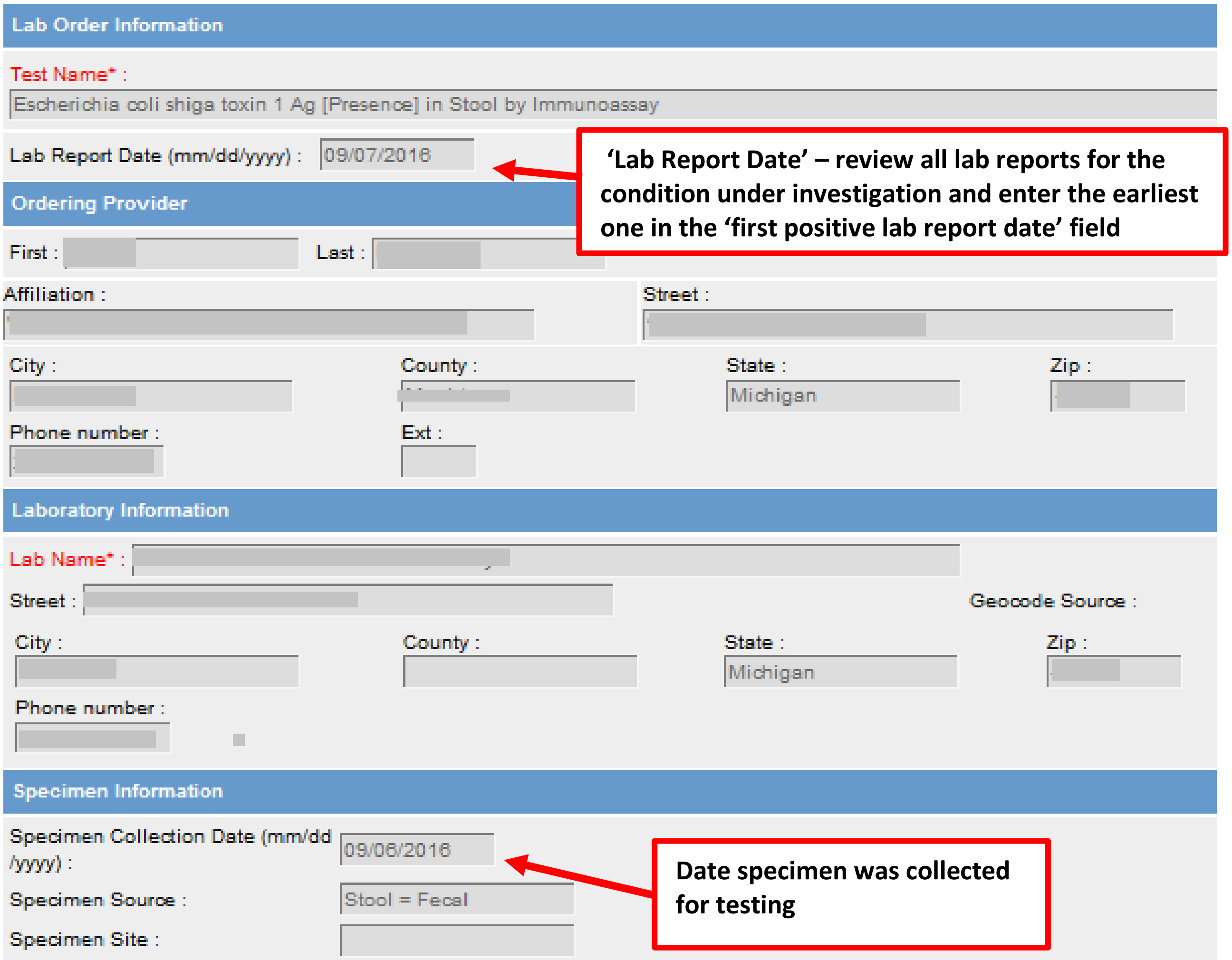
Hepatitis A case report form:



Tips for completing ‘first positive lab report date’

- Each lab report contains multiple dates:
  - The ‘Lab Report Date’ is the date the lab results were completed and reported **– this is the date that should be assessed for the ‘first positive lab report date’ field.**
  - The ‘Specimen Collection Date’ is the date the specimen was collected for testing.
- Enter the very first ‘Lab Report Date’ with a positive result for the disease under investigation. Do not use ‘Specimen Collection Date’ or ‘Date Received.’
  - Exception: Verbally reported labs or paper lab reports may be noted elsewhere within the MDSS case. Review all MDSS notes and record the first lab report date. Please enter any verbal or hardcopy lab reports as new labs in the lab tab in the MDSS case. You may also scan and attach hardcopy reports into the notes tab.
- Multiple tests may be performed for each condition which means that there may be many lab reports in the Lab Report Tab. Each lab report should be reviewed.
- Lab report dates may be exported and reviewed in excel by performing a disease specific search. Refer to “Disease Specific Search Instructions” in the supplemental guidance for more information.

Laboratory Report in MDSS:



Lab Order Information

Test Name* :

Escherichia coli shiga toxin 1 Ag [Presence] in Stool by Immunoassay

Lab Report Date (mm/dd/yyyy) : 09/07/2016

'Lab Report Date' – review all lab reports for the condition under investigation and enter the earliest one in the 'first positive lab report date' field

Ordering Provider

First : Last :

Affiliation : Street :

City : County : State : Michigan Zip :

Phone number : Ext :

Laboratory Information

Lab Name* :

Street : Geocode Source :

City : County : State : Michigan Zip :

Phone number :

Specimen Information

Specimen Collection Date (mm/dd/yyyy) : 09/06/2016

Date specimen was collected for testing

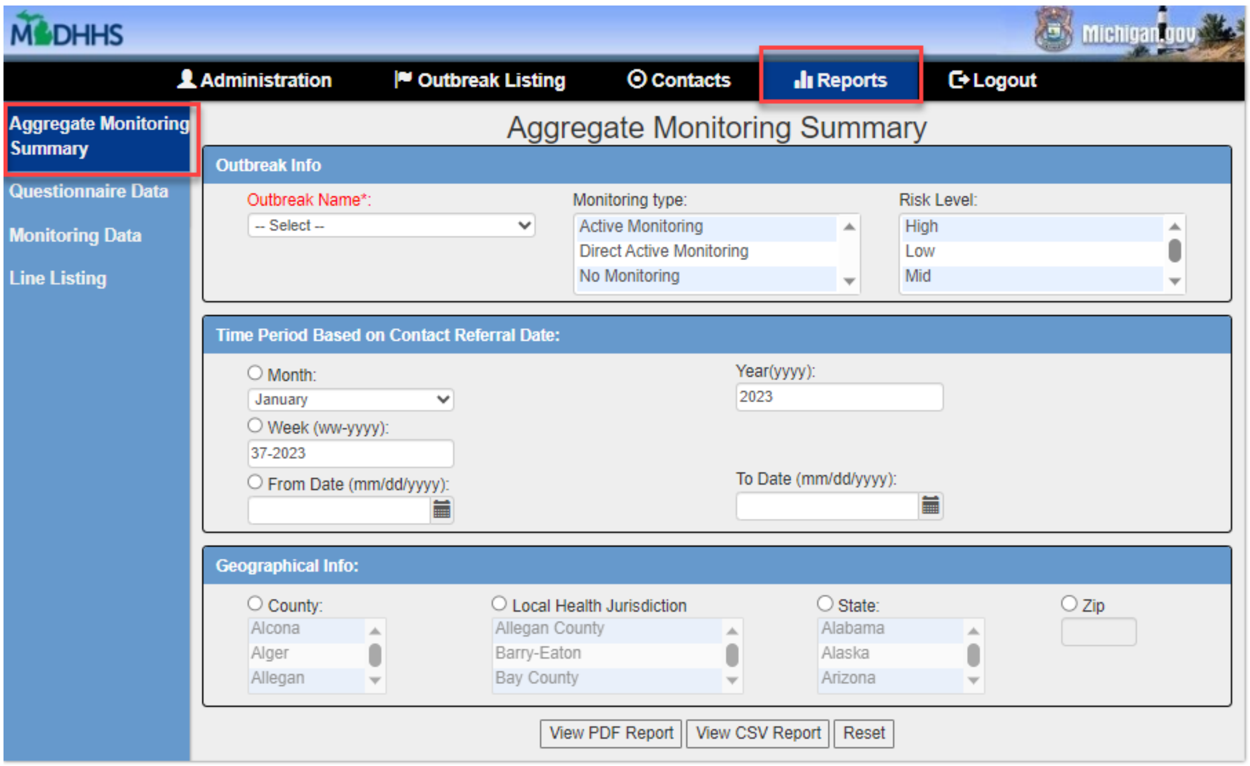
Specimen Source : Stool = Fecal

Specimen Site :

Outbreak Management System (OMS): Aggregate Monitoring Summary

The Aggregate Monitoring Summary report in the Outbreak Management System (OMS) provides a summary of contacts within a selected outbreak. Follow these steps to create a report.

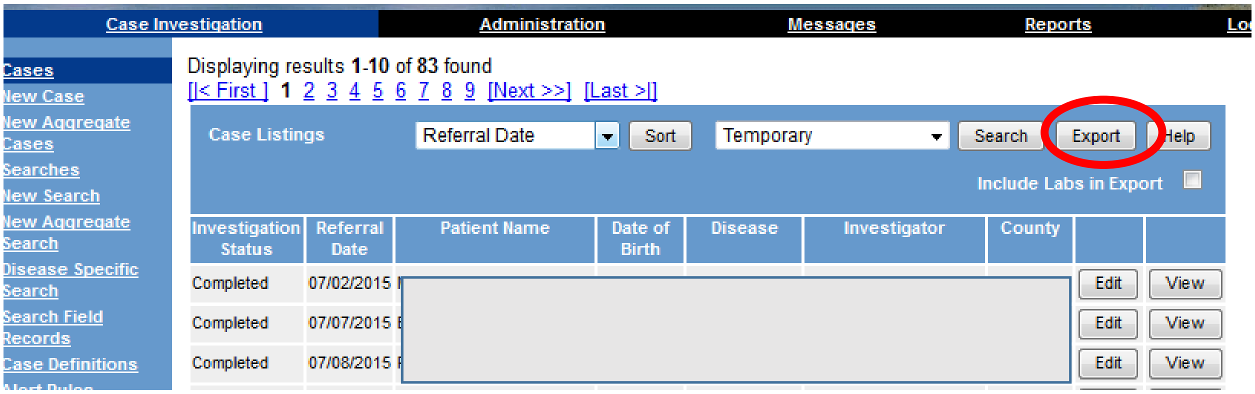
1. Log into MI Login, MDSS, and OMS
2. On the top navigation bar, click 'Reports'
3. On the left-hand side, click 'Aggregate Monitoring Summary'



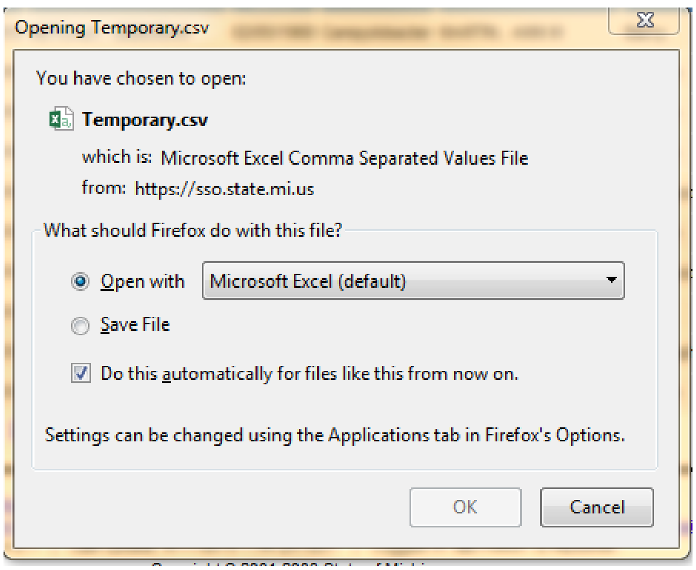
4. Select the Outbreak Name (required)
5. Select additional fields, as needed, or leave as default to view all information
6. Choose 'View PDF Report' and then open the report after it downloads

Sorting in Excel

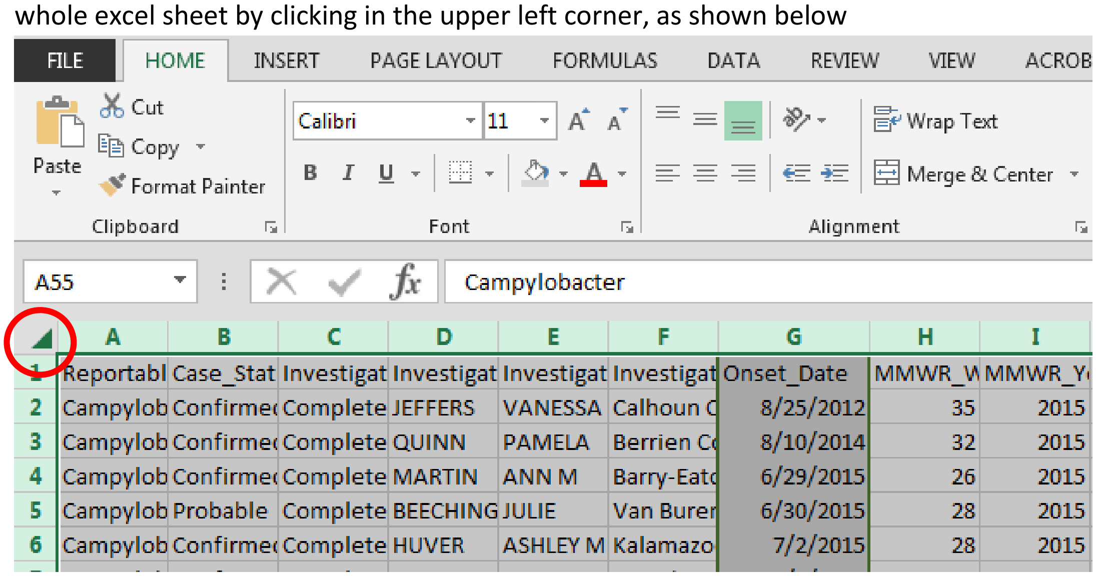
1. Export MDSS data from a new basic search by clicking the export button in the upper right corner



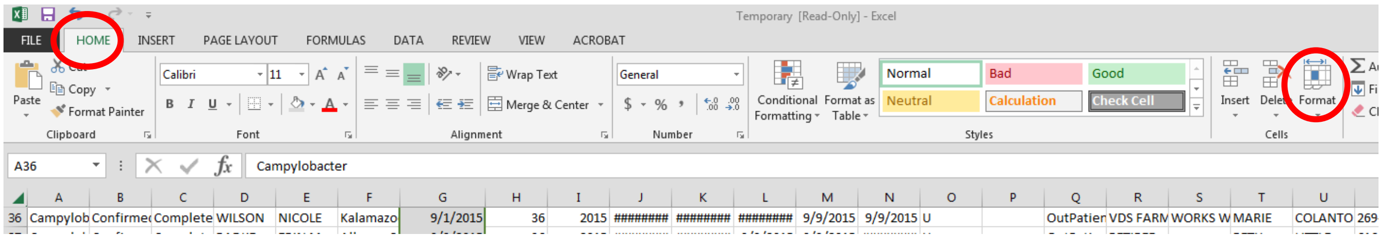
2. Choose 'Open with Excel' and click 'OK'



3. Some Columns may be too narrow to view content. To change the column width, highlight the whole excel sheet by clicking in the upper left corner, as shown below

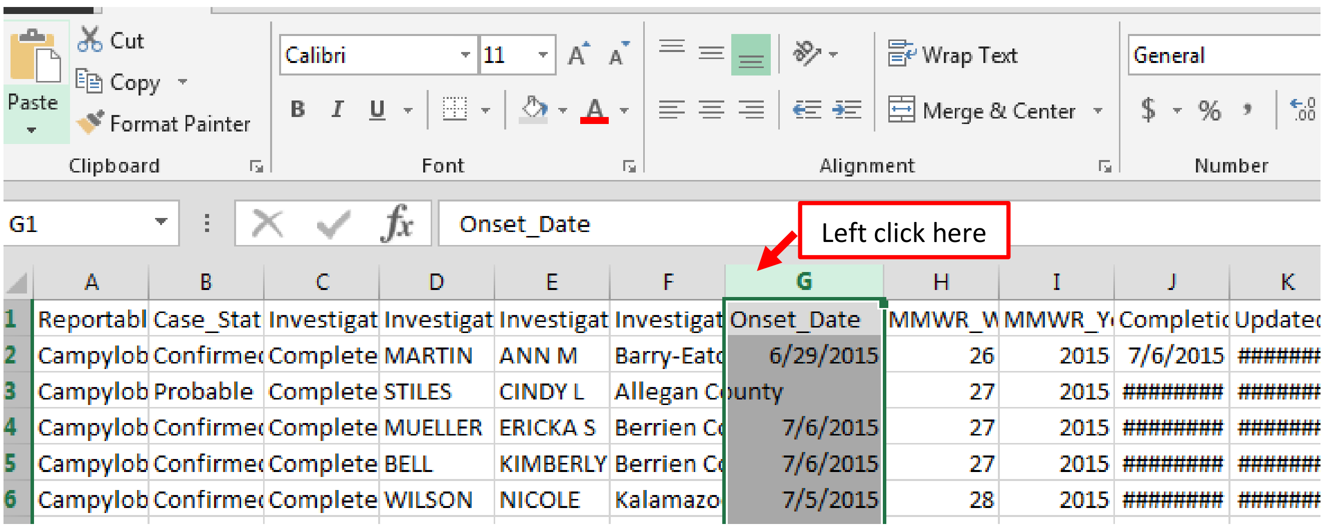


4. While the whole sheet is highlighted, click ‘Format’ in the ‘Home’ tab

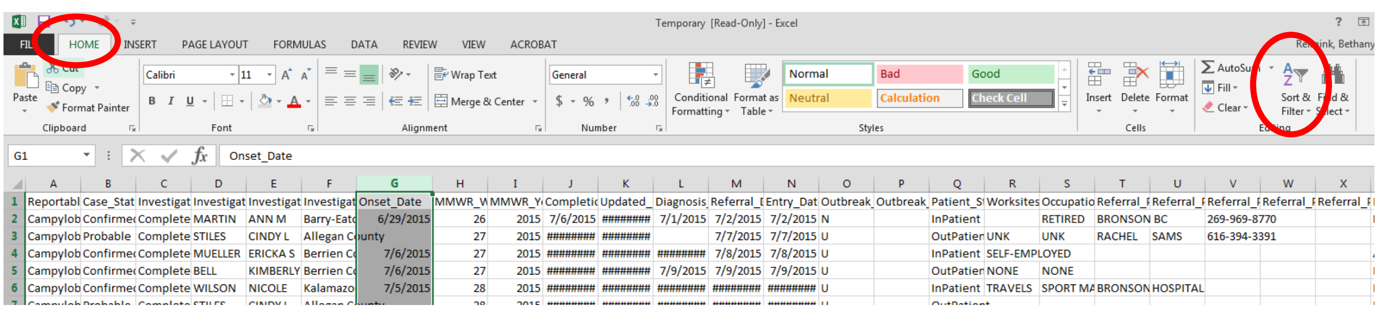


5. In the drop down menu that appears, click on ‘AutoFit Column Width’

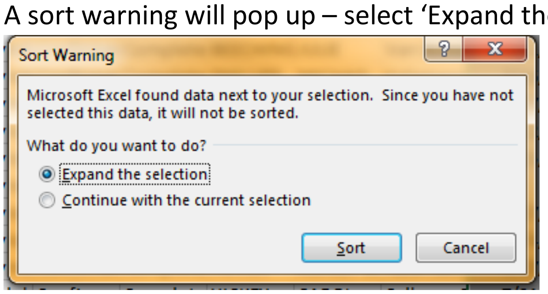
6. In the column you want to sort, left click in the grey area above the first row of data to highlight the column



7. While the column is highlighted, click on ‘Sort & Filter’ found in the ‘Home’ tab. Select ‘Sort Oldest to Newest’ or ‘Sort A to Z’ depending on the type of value in the column



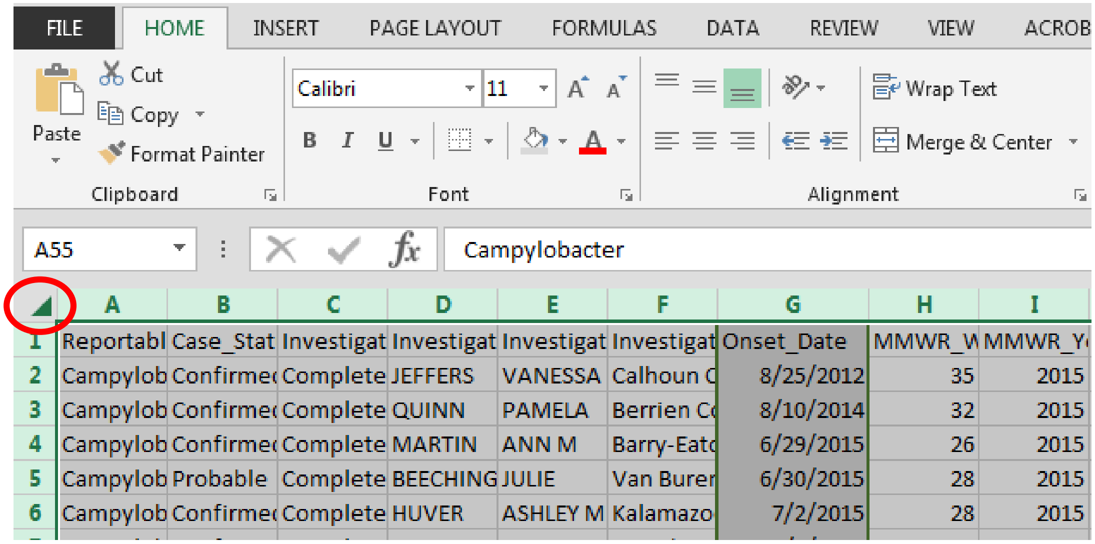
8. A sort warning will pop up – select ‘Expand the selection’ (default) and click ‘Sort’



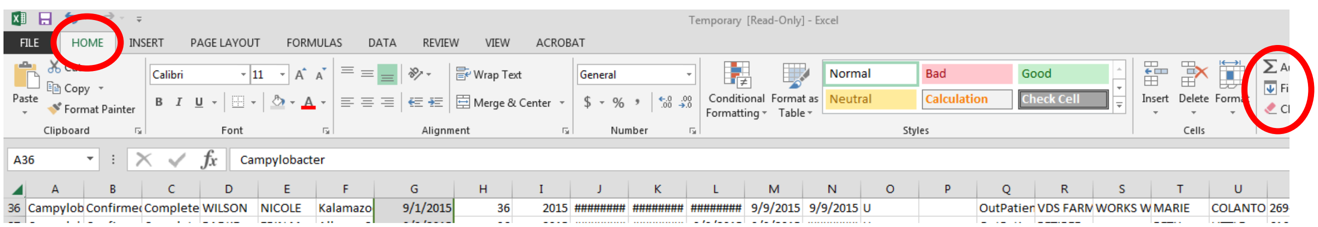
9. Cells with missing data will be displayed at the end of the list – you may need to scroll down to view them. Count the number of cells with missing information.

Note: During the sort process, row heights may change and become difficult to view. You can change row height by following the instructions below:

1. Highlight the whole excel sheet by clicking the upper left grey corner, as shown below



2. While the whole sheet is highlighted, click 'Format' in the home tab



3. Click 'Row Height' from the drop down and enter '15' in the pop up window and click 'OK'