**Questions and Answers:**

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**Overview of NMI Onboarding Process**

**Q: Do jurisdictions need to implement the Generic v2 Message Mapping Guide (MMG) as they implement Arboviral v1.3 or not, as Generic v2 is a different base message?**

**A:** The Arboviral v1.3 uses a different message specification from Generic v2. Jurisdictions do not need to implement Generic v2 prior to implementing Arboviral 1.3 MMG.

**Q: For jurisdictions using the NEDSS Base System (NBS), how or where are the MMGs implemented—NBS or Rhapsody?**

**A:** For jurisdictions using NBS,MMGs are implemented within the NBS application by using a functionality known as Page Builder that allows the dynamic development of disease data collection forms, or ”Pages.” A Page template is developed for each MMG and shared with NBS jurisdictions who will simply import the templates into their system to start using them. Rhapsody is used to route the case notification data from NBS to the PHIN Messaging System (PHIN MS) and in some instances to map/translate some data elements to the appropriate HL7 segment in the case notification to CDC.

**Q: Will implementation of Arboviral v1.3 use the onboarding process developed for the Message Validation, Processing, and Provisioning System (MVPS)?**

A: No, implementation of Arboviral v1.3 will not use the onboarding process developed for MVPS. CDC has developed aunique onboarding process for Arboviral v1.3.

In addition, because of the need for consistent and reliable data during Arboviral responses, jurisdictions will be evaluated to identify which have the lowest risk of data disruption and those will be encouraged to onboard Arboviral v1.3 first. Other jurisdictions should plan for the transition but not yet begin work to implement Arboviral v1.3.

**Q: The Generic v2 MMG will use the onboarding process developed for MVPS, correct?**

**A:** Yes, Generic v2 and all messages sent by using the latest message specification will use the onboarding process developed for MVPS.

**Q: When will MVPS be ready (approximate date)?**

**A:** CDC expects MVPS to be ready to accept messages and have states onboard later this summer.

**Q: Is the best activity for a non-pilot jurisdiction to start right now the review of the guides and identification of data elements?**

**A:** Yes, to prepare to implement the final MMGs, jurisdictions can review the guides and begin to map the data elements to what is collected in their surveillance system.

**Q: Will onboarding take less time with each MMG that I am onboarded for?**

**A:** Assuming that the messages are well constructed, the amount of time needed to onboard may vary based on the availability of the CDC MVPS onboarding specialist and the CDC program subject matter expect for each MMG. The experience of the pilot jurisdictions suggests that the time needed for jurisdictions to prepare test messages for pre-onboarding will decrease over time.

**Q: When will the NMI guidebooks and NMI Technical Assistance and Training Resource Center be available?**

A: CDC’s goal is to have the guidebooks and resource center posted later this summer. We will keep you updated on our progress.