**Questions and Answers:**

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**Current Plans for State Implementation of Arboviral v1.3 Case Notification**

**Q: I believe that development on the Arboviral 2.0 Message Mapping Guide (MMG) was pushed back to spring 2017. Is it possible that some jurisdictions may transition directly to that and skip the Arboviral 1.3 MMG?**

**A:** The Arboviral v1.3 MMG will be used for a number of years before a new guide is released. It addresses the data elements that the Arboviral program anticipates needing for the next few years, and the v1.3 MMG and new version of ArboNET will collect the same data when they are expected to go into production in early July 2016. All jurisdictions are encouraged to plan their transition to the Arboviral v1.3 MMG.

**Q: If Arboviral v2.0 is postponed indefinitely, are there plans to add 1.3 to the Message Validation, Processing, and Provisioning System (MVPS)?**

**A:** Currently, we do not have plans to add the Arboviral v1.3 MMG to MVPS. We understand that health departments would benefit from the feedback that the MVPS Data Quality Dashboard provides so we will evaluate the level of effort that would be required and whether it could be incorporated at some point in the future.

**Q: Are all the data elements included in the Arboviral XML spreadsheet also included in the Arboviral v1.3 MMG? And are these required elements?**

**A:** ArboNET, the Arboviral XML, and the Arboviral v1.3 message all contain the same data elements and use the same value sets. There are only a few required data elements that must be provided for a case. However, more information is needed for Arboviral disease surveillance. Health departments are expected to build their surveillance systems to capture all the preferred data elements and also encouraged to incorporate the optional elements.

**Q: If we are already moving forward to add the v1.3 data elements into our surveillance system (not that many), could we transition to XML upload from data entry into ArboNET at least? We have started building the HL7 as well.**

**A:** No, the new XML format is intended only for jurisdictions currently sending the Arboviral XML to allow them time to implement the HL7 message. All jurisdictions are being transitioned to the v1.3 HL7 message, but evaluation of a health department’s readiness to onboard will be done on a case-by-case basis.

**Q: What will states who have implemented v1.2 do if they are not approved to send 1.3? Just continue to send 1.2?**

**A:** Jurisdictions should continue to send v1.2 until they are approved to send v1.3. Technical assistance will be directed to these states to help them address any outstanding issues so that they can transition to the Arboviral v1.3 HL7 message.