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## ISDS Newsletter

### Season's Greetings from ISDS!

Dear ISDS community,

ISDS is ringing in the New Year with a recap of our accomplishments in 2017!

We present you 2017, all wrapped up:



#### New Resources

- New ISDS website at [www.healthsurveillance.org](http://www.healthsurveillance.org)
  - Companion [SocialLink](#) mobile application
- [ISDS Surveillance Repository](#)
  - [Webinar Library](#)
  - [Stories of Surveillance in Action](#)
  - [Syndrome Definition Library](#)
  - [Use Case Library](#)
- [ISDS GitHub Library](#)

#### New Groups

- [ESSENCE User Group](#)
- [Intermountain Syndromic Surveillance Collaborative](#)
- [Knowledge Repository Curation Team](#)
- [Message Guide Workgroup](#)
- [Metadata Visualization Application Workgroup](#)
- [NorthEast Surveillance Regional Chapter](#)
- [Overdose Surveillance Committee](#)
- [Region X NSSP Collaborative](#)
- [Syndrome Definition Committee](#)
- [Urgent Care Justification Workgroup](#)

#### Completed Projects

- [Syndromic Surveillance Climate and Health Guidance Document](#)
- [DTRA Consultancy Project 2014-2017 Executive Summary](#)

#### Most Viewed ESSENCE Resource

- [ESSENCE Online Training Course](#)

#### Most Viewed Webinars/Community Calls

- [Public Health Data and the Law](#)
- Opioid Surveillance Webinar Series

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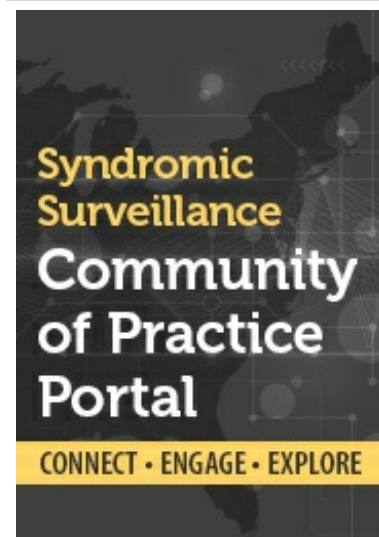


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#### Get Involved

##### ESSENCE Users Group

The [ESSENCE Users Group](#) is a community for individuals to post ESSENCE-related questions and comments and receive responses from other users. Join the group to

- [Webinar 1](#)
- [Webinar 2](#)
- [Webinar 3a](#)
- [Webinar 3b](#)



## Key Topics of the Year

- Opioid Surveillance
- Disaster Surveillance

Wow! What an incredible year it's been, and we could not have accomplished all we had without **YOU**. If **ISDS has helped YOU** in this past year and you would like to help us grow, please consider attending and/or sponsoring our **Annual Conference** from January 30 - February 2, 2018 in Orlando, FL, or supporting us by contributing to our **scholarship fund** or **AmazonSmile** account. Read below for more details.

**Notice: ISDS is now open to accept new projects in 2018. Please contact us if you have an opportunity to share.**

### Conference

There are **30 days** left until the [2018 ISDS Annual Conference](#) and [One Health Symposium](#), and there is still time to register! Please be sure to contact [Mark Krumm](#) if you require an invitation letter.



**Hotel rooms** at the Rosen Plaza Hotel are filling up quickly! Be sure to [reserve your hotel room](#) on our website to receive the ISDS group discount code.

There is still time left to reserve a **Swap Meet** table at our conference. Complete the [registration form](#) on our website to reserve a spot.

Help us spread the word - and let us know you're coming! - by sharing the image above on social media and using **#ISDS2018** on Twitter.

### Support ISDS

It's the holiday season, and are you looking for ways to give back to ISDS?

Consider contributing to the [ISDS Scholarship Fund](#). Each year, ISDS supports students, fellows and low-income registrants to attend our Annual Conference. Help us maintain this program by donating a gift of any amount. Visit our [Support ISDS](#) page for more information.



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Still interested in supporting our 2018 Annual Conference as a **sponsor**? Visit our [conference webpage](#) to learn more about different sponsorship tiers and download a prospectus. It's not too late to [register to be a sponsor](#)!

post in the group forum.

### Message Guide Workgroup

The [Message Guide \(MG\) Workgroup](#) is looking for volunteers to help reviews comments submitted on the Implementation Guide for Syndromic Surveillance Version 2.3. If interested in helping to shepherd the guide through the HL7 balloting process, join the group.

### Forum Highlights

Have you visited the ISDS forums? Check out both our [Community forums](#) and those on our group pages to contribute to the ongoing conversations in health surveillance.

### Have you seen this forum?

[Syndromic Surveillance General Discussion](#)

*Remember to "Subscribe to Instant Updates" under "Forum Actions" when you visit a forum!*

### Blog Highlights

Pop into the [Surveillance Community Blog](#) for perspective pieces and other interesting on public health and surveillance.

### Have you see this blog?

[Surveillance Community Blog](#)

To contribute a piece, email [syndromic@syndromic.org](mailto:syndromic@syndromic.org) with your article.

*Also be sure to subscribe to the blog on the Blog homepage!*

### Publications of Interest

Have an article of interest that you would like to share with the community? Email [syndromic@syndromic.org](mailto:syndromic@syndromic.org) with your article!

The Research Committee conducts weekly [literature reviews](#) on Scopus to identify articles of interest to the broad ISDS community. If you would like to participate in these calls or receive a weekly list of select articles, please notify Catherine Tong at [ctong@syndromic.org](mailto:ctong@syndromic.org).

We hope you enjoyed reading about our accomplishments in the past year. Thank you for your continued support of ISDS and we look forward to corresponding with you all again in the new year!

Wishing you all a Healthy and Happy New Year,

ISDS Staff

## 2018 ISDS Board of Directors

ISDS and the Board of Directors Elections Subcommittee are pleased to announce the results of the [2017 Board of Directors Elections](#) and the four members who have been elected to serve the next **2018 - 2020 term**:

- [Eric Lau](#)
- [Alina Deshpande](#)
- [Vivek Singh](#)
- Jennifer Bernstein

This year, we had eight incredible nominees, and we are thrilled to have had such interest and enthusiasm for our leadership positions. Please help us recognize the other four outstanding nominees:

- Nick Generous
- Kieran Moore
- Adejare Atanda
- Mandeep Singh

We thank our all members who utilized their membership benefits and contributed their voices to this important, annual event. If you would like to participate in the voting process next year, please consider [becoming a paid member](#).

ISDS appreciates the Board of Directors Elections Subcommittee for their contributions to the 2017 Board Elections process. The selection committee included Wayne Loschen, MS; Erin Austin, MPH; and David Blazes.

## 2018 CMS-Approved Qualified Registries and QCDRs

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on December 29, 2017 [posted](#) the lists of approved **Qualified Registries and Qualified Clinical Data Registries (QCDRs) for 2018**:

- **2018 [Qualified Registries Qualified Posting](#)**- A Qualified Registry is a CMS-approved entity that collects clinical data from an individual MIPS-eligible clinician, group, and/or virtual group and submits the data to CMS on their behalf for purposes of MIPS. These approved Qualified Registries will be able to report data (measures and/or activities) for the Quality, Advancing Care Information, and Improvement Activities performance categories for the 2018 performance period.
- **2018 [Qualified Clinical Data Registries \(QCDRs\) Qualified Posting](#)** - A QCDR is also a CMS-approved entity that collects clinical data from an individual MIPS-eligible clinician, group, and/or virtual group and submits the data to CMS on their behalf for purposes of MIPS. However, QCDR reporting is different from a Qualified Registry as it is not limited to quality measures within MIPS, QCDRs may also report on approved QCDR measures.

**Call for Papers: American Journal of Public Health (AJPH)**

### Specialized queries:

[opioid](#), [pesticide](#), [urgent care](#), [social media](#), [laboratory accidents](#), [data processing](#), [neuroscience](#), [bluetongue surveillance](#)

### **Characterizing the Effects of Extreme Cold Using Real-time Syndromic Surveillance, Ontario, Canada, 2010-2016**

*VanStone N., van Dijk A., Mosley B., Hall G., Belanger P., Moore K.M.; 2017*

### **Forecasting influenza-like illness dynamics for military populations using neural networks and social media**

*Volkova S., Ayton E., Porterfield K., Cortley C.D.; 2017*

### Download SocialLink



The companion app for [healthsurveillance.org](http://healthsurveillance.org).



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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention's Office of Health Equity is leading efforts to publish a thematic supplement, "[Monitoring Disparities in Prevention and Treatment of HIV, Viral Hepatitis, STDs, and TB](#)," for AJPH. The supplement will focus on applying methods, metrics, and indicators for measuring disparities in health outcomes and risk behaviors for preventing and treating HIV, sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), viral hepatitis, and tuberculosis (TB) in the U.S. The journal is seeking original research articles, brief reports, systematic reviews, commentaries, analytic or historical essays, and public health practice reports related to methods, metrics, and indicators for preventing and treating HIV, STDs, viral hepatitis, and TB and for promoting adolescent and school health. Papers should describe trends in health disparities in the U.S. (using data that includes 2015 or later); describe, apply, or compare methods for measuring the quantity of disparity (differences) in health outcomes or risk behaviors among segments of the U.S. population; or focus on metrics or methods for monitoring and interpreting temporal trends in health disparities in the U.S.

Authors should visit <http://www.ajph.org> for instructions for authors and specific guidelines regarding manuscript types. All manuscripts will undergo AJPH's standard review process. Authors should submit their papers **by January 31, 2018**, to AJPH's online system (<http://www.editorialmanager.com/ajph>). The anticipated publication date for the supplement is November 2018. For additional information about this supplement, please email [cheinquiries@cdc.gov](mailto:cheinquiries@cdc.gov).

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## Recent Webinars

Recent and past ISDS webinars can be found in the [Surveillance Knowledge Repository - Webinar Library](#).

### Recently uploaded:

- [ESSENCE Q & A](#)
  - **November 29, 2017**
  - **Panelists:** Aaron Kite-Powell & Wayne Loschen

### Related webinars:

- [Oregon Poison Center and Oregon Public Health Division Monitoring for the 2017 Solar Eclipse](#)
  - **November 31, 2017**
  - **Presenters:** Laurel Boyd & Sandy Griffin
- **Webinar Series: Crafting Richer Public Health Messages - Gaining Broad Policy Support in Politically Polarized Times**
  - **#3: [Crafting Richer Public Health Messages: Lessons and Examples for State and Local Advocacy](#)**
    - **November 14, 2017**
    - **Presenters:** Sue Lynn Ledford, DrPH, MPA, BSN, RN; Alisahah Cole, MD; and Gary Gunderson, DMin, DDiv

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## Upcoming Webinars

ISDS hosts a number of webinars each month on various topics of interest to our membership. For a more complete list of upcoming events, check out our [Community Calendar](#) on our website!

- [Virtual Speed Networking with the Analytic Solutions Committee \(ASC\)](#)
  - **January 11, 11 am - 12:30 pm ET**
- [NSSP Community of Practice Call](#)
  - **January 23, 3 - 4:30 pm ET**

Got other webinar ideas? Email [syndromic@syndromic.org](mailto:syndromic@syndromic.org) with your

suggested topic and/or speaker information.

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## External Resources

### National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System (NNDSS) State Epi Letter: Changes to the NNDSS in 2018

"This memorandum summarizes changes to the National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System (NNDSS) based upon position statements approved by the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) at their annual meeting in June 2017, as well as other relevant updates. Please share this letter with surveillance and informatics staff in your jurisdictions who are responsible for collection or submission of NNDSS data to CDC."

<https://tinyurl.com/y8cqW8f2>

### Using Electronic Health Data for Community Health

A report jointly released by the de Beaumont Foundation and Johns Hopkins University, Using Electronic Health Data for Community Health: Example Cases and Legal Analysis provides public health departments with a framework that will allow them to request data from hospitals and health systems in order to move the needle on critical public health challenges.

<https://tinyurl.com/ybwyruv3>

### A Second Chance: Overdose Prevention, Naloxone, and Human Rights in the United States

This report, published April 2017 from Human Rights Watch, explores measures required for an effective program to prevent opioid overdose deaths and current legal, policy and other challenges to be addressed.

<https://tinyurl.com/yc26lly8>

### Fact Sheet: Overdose Reporting Requirements

This Fact Sheet, created by the Network for Public Health Law in May 2017 and updated as of December 6, 2017, provides a snapshot of current and proposed laws, regulations, and sub-regulatory sources governing mandatory disease reporting and a description of the laws and regulations governing reporting of overdoses in the jurisdictions that require or explicitly permit it.

<https://tinyurl.com/y7bgbxz8>

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## Subscriptions

**NSSP Update** provides a monthly newsletter about the National Syndromic Surveillance Program (NSSP) and will keep you in touch with the program's latest advancements. Click [here](#) to subscribe.

At the end of every month, CDC, APHL, and CSTE share details and updates on the NNDSS Modernization Initiative (NMI) in **NMI Notes**. Topics included in NMI Notes include message mapping guide (MMG) development updates, Message Validation, Processing, and Provisioning System (MVPS) updates, and technical assistance updates. Click [here](#) to subscribe.

Stay up-to-date with **One Health Happenings** by subscribing to the One Health Commission newsletter! Click [here](#) to subscribe.

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The Researched Abuse, Diversion and Addiction-Related

Surveillance (**RADARS®**) System is a prescription drug abuse, misuse and diversion surveillance system that collects timely product- and geographically-specific data. Subscribe to the program's quarterly newsletter by clicking [here](#).

## Events & Opportunities

### Events

[NEHA IDEA EH: Integrating Data to Empower Advancement Virtual Conference](#), February 14 - 15, 2018

**CSTE North Central Vector-Borne Diseases (VBD) Regional Meeting**, March 2018, TBD

[HIMSS18 Annual Conference & Exhibition](#), March 5 - 9, 2018, Las Vegas, NV

**CSTE Pacific and West Vector-Borne Diseases (VBD) Regional Meeting**, April 2018, TBD

[2018 Preparedness Summit](#), April 17 - 20, 2018, Atlanta, GA

[RADARS System 12th Annual Scientific Meeting](#), May 9 - 10, 2018, Westin Georgetown, Washington, DC

[2018 CSTE Annual Conference](#), June 10 - 14, 2017, West Palm Beach, FL

[useR! 2018](#), July 10 - 13, 2018, Brisbane, Australia

[2018 Public Health Law Conference](#), *Health Justice: Empowering Public Health and Advancing Health Equity*, October 4 - 6, 2018, Phoenix, AZ

### Funding/Training Opportunities

[CSTE - Applied Epidemiology Fellowship](#)

- **Deadline:** January 12, 2018

**National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism - [International Research Collaboration on Alcohol and Alcoholism](#)**

- **Deadlines:** February 5, June 5, October 5 each year

**National Library of Medicine - [NLM Informatics Conference Grants](#)**

- **Deadlines:** April 12, August 12 and December 12 each year



Don't miss any upcoming [ISDS Events!](#)

