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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter serves to address questions involving infectious disease reporting requirements by healthcare facilities that have been onboarded for electronic case reporting (eCR) in Indiana.

The State of Indiana is still establishing eCR infrastructure for Indiana and verifying the completeness and accuracy of the reported data. Until that process is established, electronic case reporting will supplement the current reporting methods used in the state. ECRs do not replace a healthcare provider's or laboratory's responsibility to report.

Healthcare providers, hospitals and laboratories are required to report cases of specific diseases and test results per the Indiana Communicable Disease (CD) Rule (410 IAC 1- 2.5-75 & 76). Results are reported to the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) via telephone, entry into the state's surveillance system NBS through morbidity reports, or via fax. Reports can also be made via electronic laboratory reporting (ELR). More information on communicable disease reporting can be found [online](#).

Electronic case reports are an automated real-time exchange of case information between an electronic health record and public health agencies. IDOH encourages facilities to onboard for electronic case reporting. More information on eCR onboarding, the Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program, and helpful links about eCR can be found on the [IDOH website](#). Indiana healthcare facilities interested in onboarding should email eCRs@health.in.gov to begin the registration process. Additionally, healthcare providers in Indiana who have questions about eCRs should contact their district's field epidemiologist.

Thank you for your interest and cooperation in this data modernization process in Indiana.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Eric Hawkins'.

Eric Hawkins
State Epidemiologist

To **promote**, **protect**, and **improve** the health and safety of all Hoosiers.