

PHIN Collaboration

Based on feedback received from public health and information technology partners, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has taken a collaborative approach to implementing the Public Health Information Network (PHIN). CDC collaborates with its partners across the country to identify and leverage best practices and standards for public health, information technology, and informatics as they relate to PHIN.

PHIN Requirements Version 2.0 are a result of PHIN collaboration. After a consensus was reached within the PHIN community, the PHIN Requirements were restructured to focus on interoperability and to cover more routine public health activities outside the scope of emergency preparedness. Public health and information technology experts at all levels of government (local, state and federal) worked together to define requirements that bridge the gap between public health activities and the IT tools that support those activities.

Collaboration allows PHIN Requirements Version 2.0 to provide a more comprehensive and practical approach to developing interoperable standards and systems for the exchange of information relevant to public health. CDC will continue to build upon the successful collaborative efforts that resulted in Version 2.0 requirements. Join the PHIN community today!

The PHIN Collaborative Forum

The PHIN Collaborative Forum is the on-line bulletin board for the PHIN community, hosted by CDC. The forum provides participants with the opportunity to connect and communicate in order to solve problems, share ideas, set standards, build tools, and develop relationships with other public health and informatics professionals.

The PHIN Collaborative Forum can be accessed from the PHIN site at www.cdc.gov/phin, or directly at <https://team.cdc.gov>. You will need a user ID and password to access the site. If you have forgotten your user ID and/or password, email the forum support team at CDCTeamSupport@cdc.gov. If you are not registered for the forum, email your request for access to PHIN@cdc.gov.

PHIN also hosts a monthly conference call for partners the first Wednesday of every month at 3:00 PM (ET). There is a second monthly call about technical issues the third Wednesday of every month. Send an email to PHIN@cdc.gov for more information and start having a conversation with your PHIN partners!

