

ABOUT PHIN

Public Health Information Network (PHIN)

The Public Health Information Network (PHIN) is a national initiative to improve the capacity of public health to use and exchange information electronically by promoting the use of standards and defining technical requirements. The standards and technical requirements are determined by best practices related to efficient, effective, and interoperable public health information systems that support both routine public health activities and emergency preparedness and response.



The CDC serves as the facilitator of the PHIN community and the steward for PHIN resources.

CDC's role in PHIN is:

- **Supporting** the exchange of critical health information between all levels of public health and healthcare,
- **Developing and promulgating** requirements, standards, specifications, and an overall architecture in a collaborative, transparent, and dynamic way,
- **Monitoring** the capability of state and local health departments to exchange information,
- **Advancing** supportive policy,
- **Providing** technical assistance to allow state and local health departments to implement PHIN requirements,
- **Facilitating** communication and information sharing within the PHIN community,
- **Providing** public health agencies with appropriate and timely information to support informed decision making, and
- **Harmonizing** PHIN with other federal initiatives.

If you are not actively involved in the PHIN community and would like to become a member of the collaborative team, go to 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.