

## Notice to Readers

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### New Web Location for Weekly and Annual NNDSS Data

To improve the usability, availability, quality, and timeliness of surveillance data as part of the CDC Surveillance Strategy (1), CDC will provide users a convenient way to access notifiable infectious and noninfectious disease data through the National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System (NNDSS) website.

CDC has redesigned the data and statistics section of the NNDSS website to be a one-stop shop for users to find both detailed information about the notifiable disease data and links to the weekly and annual data. Although these data will no longer be published in their current format in *MMWR*, users can easily access the information on the NNDSS website. To ease the transition, *MMWR* also will link users from its website to the new location on the NNDSS website.

### Weekly Reporting

CDC expects to transition the reporting of NNDSS weekly data in January 2018. The redesigned NNDSS Data and Statistics website at <https://wwwn.cdc.gov/nndss/data-and-statistics.html> will contain links to infectious disease data tables that are available in HTML, text, and PDF formats and hosted on the CDC WONDER platform (2). The figure comparing selected notifiable diseases with historical data from the current *MMWR* weekly also will be available. In addition, the website will provide NNDSS documentation, including how the data are collected and reported, publication criteria, notes about interpreting data, and the list of notifiable conditions by year.

### Annual Reporting

CDC is transitioning the reporting of NNDSS annual data on November 3, 2017. The NNDSS Data and Statistics website is available at <https://wwwn.cdc.gov/nndss/data-and-statistics.html> and includes links to infectious disease data tables that are available in HTML, text, and PDF formats and hosted on the CDC WONDER platform. The website also provides links to noninfectious conditions and disease outbreak surveillance reports published by CDC programs and hosted on the CDC WONDER platform. In addition, the website provides the following resources: documentation for NNDSS infectious diseases and noninfectious conditions and disease outbreaks, including how the data are collected, reported, and finalized; publication criteria; notes about interpreting data; and the list of notifiable conditions by year.

Consolidating the notifiable disease data on the NNDSS website is part of the NNDSS Modernization Initiative (NMI) strategy to streamline NNDSS and access to data for users; NMI is a component of the CDC Surveillance Strategy. This consolidation of information also is in response to the recommendations of a CDC-wide workgroup, consisting of representatives from the CDC Excellence in Science Committee, the Surveillance Science Advisory Group, and *MMWR*, to make more data available online and to allow *MMWR* to focus on publishing scientific and actionable surveillance reports.

### References

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