**Questions and Answers:**

**8/18/16 NMI eSHARE Webinar**

**2016 CSTE Annual Meeting Highlights Related to NNDSS**

**Q: What should jurisdictions do to make sure that their systems can capture all the new data needed for antimicrobial resistance surveillance?**

**A:** Jurisdictions are likely to receive multiple lab reports on a case, and the findings will be complex. Jurisdictions should ensure that their surveillance systems can

* consume and store electronic laboratory reports sent in “snapshot” mode (i.e.,  the lab should always send a complete report when there is an update and not just the information that changed);
* capture qualitative and quantitative antibiotic sensitivity findings, with the cut-points that were used; and
* maintain parent/child relationships (e.g., between the isolate and the sensitivities).

**Q: When do notifiable condition position statements go into effect?**

**A:** When CSTE requests that CDC add a new nationally notifiable condition (NNC) to the National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System (NNDSS) through the notifiable condition position statement process and CDC has Office of Management and Budget Paperwork Reduction Act (OMB PRA) approval to request data from reporting jurisdictions for that condition, CDC would add the new NNC to the NNDSS the year immediately after the year the position statement was passed. However, if there is a public health emergency, such as the Zika outbreak, and CSTE publishes an interim position statement and a public health imperative exists, CDC will implement the position statement in the same year it was approved. If CDC does not have OMB PRA approval to receive data for the condition, CDC will need to seek OMB PRA approval before we can add the condition to the NNDSS and request data from jurisdictions.

**Q: Is the Message Evaluation and Testing Service (METS) available for jurisdictions to use to validate case notification messages for Generic v2?**

**A:** CDC is making a few refinements to METS, and we expect that it will be available to use to validate case notification messages for Generic v2 and Hepatitis in mid-October 2016.

**Q: Where do I get information about access and training for the Secure Access Management Services (SAMS)?**

**A:** Find information about SAMS access and training on the NMI SAMS web page at <https://www.cdc.gov/nndss/trc/data-systems/sams.html>.

**Q: Do you have any information yet about the 2017 Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) Annual Conference?**

**A:** The 2017 CSTE Annual Conference will be held on June 4 to 8 in Boise, Idaho. More information may be found at <http://www.csteconference.org/2017/>.