



Dear Immunization Partners:

We thank you for your patience as we continue to work through the data exchange (DX) transition process. We are committed to ensuring all connections are transitioned as efficiently as possible. We would like to take this time to respond to several questions we have received and provide additional information.

HL7 Guides: The HL7 Guides are attached to this email. These guides may be updated as needed. Ensure you are always referring to the most current guides which will be posted under “Communication” on the [GRITS 2.0](#) website for easy access.

GRITS 2.0 Environment Access: Information needed to redirect your connection to the GRITS 2.0 environment will be provided at the end of the Kickoff Call. This will ensure that all questions are answered, and specifications are reviewed prior to the start of the testing process.

DX Communication: The DX Transition process is facilitated by the STChealth interoperability team. These individuals are experienced and will assist every vendor through the transition process. In the event an issue arises that must be escalated this team will facilitate a resolution and include developers as needed.

If you have not yet completed the [Data Exchange Vendor Readiness Assessment](#), please do so immediately.

Next Steps:

1. **Welcome Invitation & Kick Off Schedule.** Vendors will receive an invitation to their assigned transition group (phase). This email will include a link for vendors to select their top 2 dates for their Kickoff call. Invitations will be sent by Phases.

- **Phase 1 Go-Live: June 17th**
 - i. Kickoff Invitations to be sent out the week of May 27th
 - ii. Public Health Districts, PHINMS Users ready to transition
- **Phase 2 Go-Live: July 15th**
 - i. Kickoff Invitations to be sent out the week of June 24th
 - ii. EPIC Users by Hospital Group, PHINMS Users ready to transition
- **Phase 3 Go-Live: August 26th**
 - i. Kickoff Invitations to be sent out the week of July 29th
 - ii. All Other Vendors/Providers, PHINMS Users ready to transition

2. **Kickoff Call.** The Kickoff calls will take place with each individual vendor and will include a review of the HL7 specifications and the testing process.

3. **Testing** will begin for vendors that are ready immediately after the Kickoff call. Testing may continue for up to 3 weeks. Vendors will receive weekly Provider Detail Error (PDER) reports that identify Warnings and Errors that must be resolved.

4. **Data Quality Review.** Upon completion of the 3rd week of testing, STChealth and DPH will review the results and activity. A decision will be made on whether the connection is ready to go live or if additional testing is required.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation and look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,
GRITS 2.0 DX Transition Team
GRITS2.0_dataexchange@stchome.com

Attachments:

[HL7 2.5.1 Implementation Guide](#)

[HL7 2.3 & 2.4 Implementation Guide](#)

Project Definitions

Phase #: Refers to the group assigned to a given vendor for their transition to GRITS 2.0.

Kick Off Call: A Virtual meeting with each individual vendor prior to transitioning the connection to GRITS 2.0.

Go Live: Refers to when the connection to legacy GRITS is severed and the connection to GRITS 2.0 is established. Testing occurs AFTER Go Live

We protect lives.

Georgia Department of Public Health | dph.ga.gov



Reader Advisory Notice: Email to and from a Georgia state agency is generally public record, except for content that is confidential under specific laws. Security by encryption is applied to all confidential information sent by email from the Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH). This message is only intended for specific recipient(s) and may contain privileged, private or sensitive information. If you received this message in error, please delete it and contact me.