



Dear Immunization Partner:

The New Year Welcomes GRITS 2.0! The Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) announced that the Georgia Immunization Registry (GRITS) will be transitioned to a new platform. The GRITS 2.0 project is underway and with the New Year comes more frequent updates regarding this project to ensure that you and your systems are ready for Georgia's new immunization information system to go live in Quarter 2 of 2024. This email update will be one of the ways we ensure our stakeholders are informed of important information and activities.

DPH is working hard to ensure the new platform will provide healthcare providers, schools, pharmacies, state agencies and other immunization partners a user-centric experience that provides the vaccine intelligence needed to "monitor, manage, and mobilize data for a healthier future." Our goal is to deliver you the technology to establish real-time data exchange, manage your vaccine-related supplies, and have up to date clinical decision-making support.

Stay tuned for demonstrations, training, and other important updates. **All project communication can be found on the [GRITS 2.0 DPH webpage](#).**

DATA EXCHANGE READINESS

Providers who currently report to GRITS through their EHR/EMR using HL7 or via Flat File must transition their connections **BEFORE GRITS 2.0 is LIVE**

Here are a few items to note as we work through the transition to GRITS 2.0.

- Per O.C.G.A § 31-12-3.1 and House Bill 1526, reporting to GRITS by "any person who administers a vaccine or vaccines licensed for use by the United States Food and Drug Administration to a person" remains continuously in effect regardless of this transition.
- All EMR/EHRs sending data electronically must be at least 2014 ONC Certified.
- GRITS 2.0 supports HL7 Version 2.5.1 as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Additional information will be provided to providers reporting alternate versions of HL7.

If your EMR/EHR is unable to meet the requirements for electronic data exchange, reporting via Flat File will be available.

Providers and EMR/EHR vendors are HIGHLY encouraged to begin reviewing the [IIS Health Level \(HL7\) Implementation Guides](#) published by the CDC.

Training Services

We are committed to ensuring that all users of the GRITS 2.0 platform are set up for success. We will be offering several trainings as we move closer to go live. Please stay tuned for updates.

Stakeholder Group	Dates	Location
Immunization Regional Coordinators	February 6,7,8	GNR Public Health 2570 Riverside Parkway Lawrenceville, GA 30046
HL7 Providers	Coming Soon	Virtual1:1
Direct End Users	Specific Dates TBD, Quarter 2	Virtual Group

JUST A FEW FAQs

What is the difference between legacy GRITS and GRITS 2.0?

GRITS 2.0 is built on an entirely new platform. The look at feel will be completely different. The platform that GRITS 2.0 uses is extremely user friendly and contains numerous features and resources to ensure users are supported as needed. If you are currently accessing GRITS through your EMR/HER, there will be a seamless transition with no impact to the provider.

When is GRITS 2.0 expected to go live?

GRITS 2.0 is expected to be rolled out to users in Quarter 2 of 2024.

Will there be any training available?

End user training will be provided in multiple formats. In addition, end users will have access to our robust library of user guides, training videos and of course the GRITS Learning Management System which will contain online learning modules for every GRITS 2.0 workflow.

