

Schools Reporting Direct to MDSS

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OBJECTIVES

- **Examine the importance of school reporting**
- **Examine the functionality of MDSS**
- **Describe the benefits of schools reporting directly into MDSS**

The Importance of School Reporting

- **Helps to supplement physician or lab reporting**
- **Identifies children with a communicable disease who may not be receiving medical care**
- **Identifies clusters of communicable disease that might not otherwise be reported, such as head lice or strep throat**

The Functionality of MDSS

- **Collects county and state-wide data in one location**
- **Ability to monitor county-wide disease trends**
- **A variety of user levels allows access to pertinent information based on entity such as health departments, labs, or schools**

The Benefits of Direct Reporting

- **Eliminates the “middle man”**
- **Data is more readily available to the health department for evaluation**
- **System can be set up to send health department staff alerts based on disease and frequency**
- **More accessible reporting for the schools**
- **Better reporting compliance**

Training

- Invitation to preschools and day care centers from the health department
- Training done in computer lab at Midland County Services Building
- Epidemiologist, CD Nurse, and clerk discussed their use of MDSS and importance of reporting
- Users were set up in the Training Module to “practice”
- Approved on the Live version of MDSS before leaving

Current Status

- **Majority of Preschools county-wide are trained and reporting**
- **Budget and legal (FERPA) issues have delayed training of the remaining support staff**
- **Gearing up for training in the Fall**

QUESTIONS?