

Information on the MDSS integration with MI HAN

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We are pleased to announce that we have successfully integrated the alerting functionality of the MDSS with the directory and technology of the Michigan Health Alert Network (HAN). While the fields for HAN alerting have been a part of the MDSS alerts section for sometime, these fields were recently activated and will now give MDSS Administrators the ability to set up specific criteria to alert a new role group (consisting of local Health Officers, Medical Directors, Communicable Disease Staffs and EPCs) for their health department via the HAN. This new alerting piece will work in conjunction with the existing e-mail alerts the MDSS has been generating and will not replace that feature.

Please note that the generation of a disease specific MI-HAN alert from the MDSS to a wide role group should be carefully considered prior to building it into your MDSS Alert Profiles since it will automatically alert a number of individuals within the health department at the specified level (email only, low, medium and high level alerting protocols).

For additional information on the alerting functionality within the MDSS please review the MDSS HAN Alerting Guidelines. You may also contact your regional epidemiologist if you need further clarification.