

Release Notes for MDSS Version 2.5

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The Surveillance and Infectious Disease Epidemiology Section of the Michigan Department of Community Health is pleased to announce that we are tentatively planning to release a new version of the MDSS on the evening of Thursday, September 18th. The latest release marks a dramatic improvement in the user management and role structure of the system that will allow us to better meet the needs of the users and allow us to grow the system as we move forward. Users wishing to explore the new features and functionality may now do so by accessing our Training site (Testing - Disease Surveillance Application) through the State of Michigan Single Sign On Portal (<https://sso.state.mi.us>)

New MDSS Role Structure

With the latest release of the MDSS the structure of roles is being changed to give greater flexibility by allowing administrators the ability to assign Job Functions, Program Areas and secondary jurisdictions in addition to the established roles and geography that has been in use until now. Details of the new role structure are located in the attached document.

New MDSS Facility Based Roles

MDSS Health Care Providers (HCPs) will be associated with one "primary" facility as well as multiple "secondary" facilities. This will allow for flexibility in the system and hopefully alleviate problems with multiple users across larger health systems that need access to different subsets of the health system data. Specific details of the new role are located in the attached document.

Case Detail Form Updates

There have been changes to the structure of all the PDF forms as well as some changes to questions on specific forms. Please see the attached document for complete details.

If you have any questions or problems please contact your Regional Epidemiologist (http://www.michigan.gov/documents/MDSS_Support_Resources_87777_7.pdf). You may also contact Brad Carlson (CarlsonBr@michigan.gov) or Susan Vagasky (VagaskyS@michigan.gov) with the MDCH Communicable Disease Division.