

New Occupational Health Indicators

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH INDICATOR (OHI) PROPOSAL PROCESS

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Occupational Health Indicators (OHI) Workgroup

Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) Occupational Health Surveillance Subcommittee

Purpose: This document explains the procedures for review, approval and implementation of new Occupational Health Indicators or "substantive changes" to the Occupational Health Indicators as defined in the CSTE document Occupational Health Indicators: *a Guide for Tracking Occupational Health Conditions and their Determinants*. Substantive changes include additions, deletions, regroupings, or changes to the data collection and calculation methods.

PROCEDURE 1: FOR ADOPTING NEW OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH INDICATORS

Step 1: Indicator developer completes the Proposal Form and presents to the full CSTE Occupational Health Subcommittee. This may be done during the Spring, Summer or Fall meetings, or by special session. The documents should be circulated to the full committee at least 2 weeks prior to the meeting. The full CSTE Occupational Health Subcommittee votes to pursue one of two options below.

Step 2 - Option A or B



Tabled. This decision may be reached when there is disagreement among the full committee about proceeding with the indicator. The developer should be given guidance on how to proceed.



Pilot Testing and How-to Guide Development. The developer should recruit 3-5 states to participate in indicator development & testing. This should include a mix of experienced and new state- surveillance programs. The developer should provide on-going updates to the OHI Workgroup during its quarterly teleconference meetings. Updates should be arranged through the Co-chairs and should include a review of any revisions to the initial Proposal Form, example state data, and a draft of the How-to Guide as needed to inform members. Members will receive pertinent documents with the meeting announcement to review with state PIs and local surveillance partners. Members should come to meetings prepared to discuss and provide feedback and edits. Members may invite their colleagues to join the indicator discussion.

At the successful completion of the pilot phase and development of the How-to Guide, the proposed indicator moves to Step 3

Step 3: The new proposed indicator, How-to Guide instructions and results of the pilot testing are presented to the full CSTE Occupational Health Subcommittee to vote for adoption as one of the current Occupational Health Indicators included in the annual guidance document disseminated by CSTE. This can only occur if the data are ready and consistently available to a majority of states.

Voting outcome options are: **Accept**, **Accept after agreed upon revisions**, **Refer Back to 2B** for further development, or **Dismiss**. If **Accepted**, move to Step 4.

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Post Date	Title	Program Area
2013	Occupational Health Indicator (OHI) Proposal Process	Occupational Health
2013	Review of and Recommendations for the National Notifiable Disease Surveillance System: A State and Local Health Department Perspective	Surveillance & Informatics
2013	Council to Improve Foodborne Outbreak Response (CIFOR) Analysis of State Legal Authorities	Infectious
2013	Council to Improve Foodborne Outbreak Response (CIFOR) Practitioners' Handbook on Legal Authorities	Infectious
2013	Council to Improve Foodborne Outbreak Response (CIFOR) Menu of Legal Options	Infectious
2013	Occupational Health Indicator (OHI) Proposal Form	Occupational Health
2013	Use of Poison Center Data Assessment Report 2012	Environmental Health
2013	June 2013 Occupational Health Surveillance Subcommittee Meeting Summary Data 2013	Occupational Health

New OHI Updates

Indicator	Contact/Leads	Status
Influenza vaccination coverage among healthcare personnel	Bob Harrison (CA)	State-level data will be available/published by CDC in Fall 2014, for the 2013-2014 flu season. Pilot testing/review will begin in Fall 2014 .
Adults with asthma caused or made worse by work	Karen Cummings (NY) & Gretchen White (NIOSH)	Pilot testing results and the adoption of this indicator were approved at CSTE in June 2013, with minor revisions to the How-to Guidance. The How-to will be finalized by the workgroup in Jan 2014. The new indicator will likely be adopted into the 2014 How-to Guide (collecting 2011 state data) .
Work-related severe traumatic injury hospitalizations	Jeanne Sears (WA)	Approved to pursue at the 2013 CSTE meeting. Several states were identified for pilot testing, but that work is still pending finalization of the ICDPIC table .