



HIV, STI, and Viral Hepatitis Sentinel Network

Local health departments play a critical role in the prevention, care, and treatment of HIV, STIs, and viral hepatitis. NACCHO's HIV, STI, and Viral Hepatitis program aims to strengthen the capacity of local health departments to address HIV, STIs, and viral hepatitis by providing technical and capacity building assistance, developing and disseminating tools and resources, and facilitating information exchange, peer engagement, and learning opportunities.

The HIV, STI, and Viral Hepatitis Sentinel Network (Sentinel Network) was formed to increase NACCHO's understanding of local health department efforts, needs, challenges, and successes. The information collected through the Sentinel Network contributes to NACCHO's ability to effectively support local health department practice and guides our efforts to promote and advocate on behalf of local health departments for adequate resources and appropriate public health legislation. The Sentinel Network is an important mechanism for gathering the local health department perspective so that NACCHO can fulfill its mission to be a leader, partner, catalyst, and voice for local health departments.

The Sentinel Network is comprised of more than 100 LHDs from over 40 states and the District of Columbia who complete brief surveys on an approximately quarterly basis. The Sentinel Network is open to all local health departments and NACCHO aims to expand Sentinel Network membership to include at least two local health departments from each state and ensure a spectrum of jurisdiction sizes and geographic locations and settings are represented.

The Sentinel Network also provides opportunities for peer learning and engagement among its members. After each survey, NACCHO conducts virtual meetings with Sentinel Network members to share the results and discuss topics of interest. Future meetings may also provide opportunities for Sentinel Network members to connect with federal and national partners and other experts in the field.

Membership Details and Benefits

- NACCHO distributes brief (approximately 10 minute) online surveys no more than quarterly.
- Members do not need to be the respondent for all surveys. Surveys can be forwarded to the person in the health department most appropriate to respond based on the topic.
- Following each survey, NACCHO convenes a virtual meeting to share and discuss the findings with members and their colleagues.
- NACCHO may offer opportunities for members to attend and present at national conferences and meetings, as funding allows.
- NACCHO serves as a resource for Sentinel Network members, sharing pertinent and timely information and opportunities, and supporting connection to peers and partners in the field.

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