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## **NEHII Responds to COVID-19 Nebraska Public Health Emergency**

Dear NEHII Participants and Community Members:

In coordination with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), we are requesting assistance in the timely reporting of information in order to aid the state of Nebraska in providing essential responses to the COVID-19 outbreak affecting our communities. (See attached letter)

We understand that you're dealing with a lot right now. Please know NEHII is here to help you. Here's what you need to know about COVID-19 reporting through NEHII:

### **How to get started with NEHII if you don't currently participate:**

Contact our Community Engagement Team:

- Tom Frette: email [tfrette@nehii.org](mailto:tfrette@nehii.org) or phone: 402-506-9900 ext. 121
- Tracy Huff: email [thuff@nehii.org](mailto:thuff@nehii.org) or phone 402-506-9900 ext. 141

We will provide you with a priority implementation and connection process.

### **Prioritization process for connection requests:**

We have a process in place to prioritize requests received. Once contact is initiated, we will provide you more information about the process. We will also share a schedule of available project initiation dates and times available. To be as accommodating as possible, early morning and evening connection calls will be available. We will work with your teams to be as flexible as possible, recognizing teams are working at maximum capacity to fulfill multiple demands on the system.

### **Connection funds:**

The public health emergency connections to NEHII will be at no cost to the facility, provider, or lab and will improve and ease the required reporting process. DHHS & NEHII have identified funds to fund the connection fees.

### **More information:**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact NEHII's Community Engagement team:

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The secure exchange of reliable and timely patient data has never been more critical. Your participation will aid the state of Nebraska in responding to the COVID-19 outbreak and in leveraging resources at the local level to keep our communities safe.

Thank you for your timely response to this request.



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