

## HITAC Discussion of COVID-19 Response

# **Electronic Health Record Association**

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#### **COVID-19 Resources for Developers**

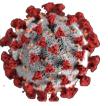
The Electronic Health
Record Association's 29
member companies support
the majority of U.S. hospitals,
clinics, and practices that
manage relevant data
requirements to address the
COVID-19 pandemic

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EHR Association webpage compiling COVID-19 resources:

#### EHRAblog.org/COVID-19



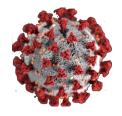




#### **COVID-19 Activities**

The EHR Association's new COVID-19 Task Force has been identifying provider & public health data needs, developer questions, and pathways to sharing relevant metrics

- Engagement w/federal agencies
  - o CDC
  - o FEMA
  - HHS (ONC, CMS, CTO)
- Engagement w/state & local organizations
  - Council of State & Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE)
  - Assn of State & Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)
  - National Assn of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO)
- Engagement w/private sector initiatives
  - COVID-19 Healthcare Coalition
  - HL7® SANER Project





### **Data Needs & Challenges**

Data requests to providers from public health agencies & research initiatives have included:

- Admissions
- Hospital capacity
- Bed availability
- Testing
  - Positive, negative, or pending
- Ventilator utilization
- Demographics
- Co-morbidities
- Vital signs

Challenges encountered include:

- Aligning measures across requesters
  - Duplicate reporting
  - Need standard definitions
- Short-turnaround requests for large volumes of historical data
  - Ensuring consistent & complete reporting
  - Minimum necessary

#### **Recommendations to ONC:**

Provide a "phone book" of key public health contacts

Promote/encourage network participation as useful for public health response as well as day-to-day interoperability