

Mr Ohanian and Mr Frolich,

CCLHO has no specific comments on the April Legislative Update except to again emphasize that expansion of ongoing funding (state or federal), as well as sufficient workforce, is necessary to enable local health departments to meaningfully participate in intra/intersector data exchange. Particularly for smaller departments with limited epidemiology capacity, receiving, processing and preparing data products for interchange may not be possible with current staffing levels. While the CDC Data Modernization Initiative is a worthwhile model, the actual funding amount HHS has federally proposed for such a large national undertaking would not seem adequate.

We look forward to continuing to participate.

Attentively,

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