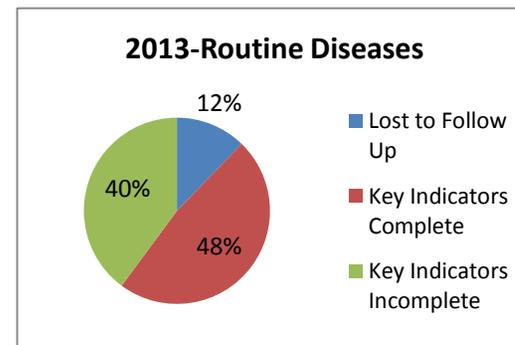
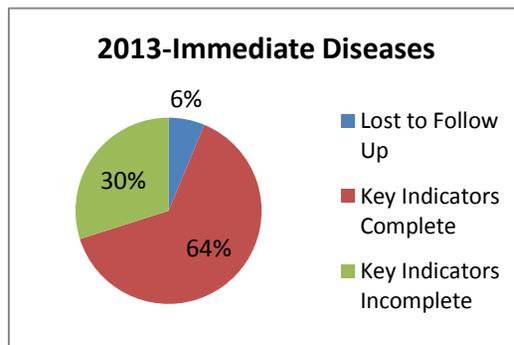


As part of our ongoing evaluation of our infectious disease surveillance data in MAVEN, a Key Indicator Report was mailed to all local health departments this month as well as distributed via the Communication events in MAVEN. These town specific reports highlight data on 36 reportable infectious disease case events from 2010 through 2013. The key indicators for each disease, detailed in the report, represent data elements that are crucial for public health surveillance, investigation and response. Tracking these indicators over time will allow both the MDPH epidemiology staff as well as local health departments monitor how complete their case investigations are and set goals for improvement.

In addition, MDPH has posted a webinar to demonstrate how the reports may be downloaded via MAVEN, how to navigate through the different tables, and how the results may be interpreted. We have decided to use this month's ePostcard to highlight some of the statewide report results as well as answer some frequently asked questions the ISIS help desk has received.

Statewide highlights

Statewide comparison data was included with each town-specific report. Overall, 64% of the immediate disease events reviewed had all key indicator variables answered. Close to half of the routine disease events had all key indicator variables answered. While we have not set specific goals for completion rates, MDPH will be assessing improvement over time.



Source: MDPH Key Indicator Report, October 2014

Immediate Diseases: GAS,HEPA,LIST,MEAS,MUMPS,NMEN,RUB,TB_ACTIVE,TUL

Routine Diseases: AMEB,BAB,CALI,CAMP,CHOL,CRYPT,CYCLO,EEE,EHR,ENCEP,ENTRO,GIAR,HFLU,HGA,HUS,LEG,LEP,MAL,PERT,RMSF,SAL,SHIG,SP,STEC,TRICH,WNI,YER

Frequently asked questions

1. Do I need to investigate old events that do not have all key indicators completed?

Local health departments are not expected to go back and try to investigate old events. It may be helpful to review any events where key indicator variables are missing to see if the information may have been captured in the notes section. If so, you can transfer that data to the appropriate question package.

2. Why aren't clinician-reported diseases such as Lyme disease and Hepatitis C included?

The MDPH surveillance evaluation group chose to focus on a limited set of immediate and routine diseases for this initial report roll out. These are diseases where the primary responsibility for investigation falls to the local health department or is a collaborative effort between the local health department and MDPH.

3. Why aren't sexually transmitted diseases included?

STDs are followed up by MDPH and have not yet been incorporated into this surveillance evaluation.

4. Are the years in the report fiscal or calendar?

Calendar years are used in the report.



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Further information regarding the Key Indicator Reports, including how to access them via MAVEN is highlighted in the "Key Indicator Report Training Tool" in the MAVEN online help section.

If you have questions about the Key Indicator Reports or MAVEN in general, please email isishelp@state.ma.us or contact the MAVEN help desk at 617-983-6801.