IZ Gateway Legal Agreements FAQs

Data Use Agreement

Q: My jurisdiction signed an older version of the data use agreement (DUA). Do we need to sign the new agreement?
A: Yes. The DUA has been updated and all jurisdictions that want to connect to the IZ Gateway must sign the new DUA named “APHL – AIMS DUA IZ Gateway (3August2020 revision).

Q: Why did the IZ Gateway change the DUA terms?
A: Since the APHL DUA template was created several years ago, the IZ Gateway Project has evolved. Initially, the IZ Gateway project was known as the PHIZ Project and the updated DUA includes the name change, as well as a reference to any successor projects. Read more.

Q: Is there a red-lined version available of the old DUA reflecting the changes from the current DUA?
A: Yes. Word’s Compare function redlined the old DUA to reflect all changes that appear in the current DUA. You may access the Data Use Agreement in Compare here.

Q: Why aren’t the large national provider organizations like the Veterans Health Administration signing the DUA alongside the Immunization Information Systems (IIS)?
A: At this point in time, August 2020, the IZ Gateway is onboarding Jurisdictions’ IIS. When the IZ Gateway begins onboarding the large national provider organizations, they will be required to sign appropriate trust documents, including a Business Associate Agreement.

Q: How will IIS know when a non-traditional vaccinator, such as the Bureau of Prisons or skilled nursing facilities, is onboarded to the IZ Gateway, so that Jurisdiction IIS-specific Policy Agreement(s) (JSPAs, e.g., provider site agreements, confidentiality agreements, etc.) may be signed?
A: The IZ Gateway onboarding team will notify IIS of all traditional and non-traditional vaccinators to be onboarded, to allow time for IIS to have their JSPAs signed in advance.

Q: Does CDC require that IIS sign a DUA so that vaccine administration information will be routed through the IZ Gateway?

A: CDC strongly encourages that all IIS sign the DUA in order to receive COVID-19 vaccine data through the IZ Gateway. Further, CDC may require that IIS sign a separate DUA with respect to receiving VAMS (Vaccine Administration Management System) data from CDC. Should the DUA become a requirement, this FAQ will be updated.

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