

NBS Glossary of Terms

Term	Definition
Accession Number	Number assigned to the specimen for tracking
Approval Queue for Initial Notifications	List of investigations submitted by a local user to ISDH for CDC notification
Case Status	Indicates whether case meets a surveillance definition – must be entered regardless of case status.
Cases Created - Last 7 Days	This shows a line graph of the number of investigations created in the last seven days. The graph can be changed by selecting from the drop down at the bottom of the tile.
Coded Result	The coded result value for a lab (ex. positive, detected, negative)
Comments	Free text area
Condition	The disease reported on the morbidity report
Confirmation Date	Date public health determined case status
Contact Records	Contact investigations for reportable conditions (Can include contacts named by patient as well as those who named the patient as a contact)
Custom Report	A report that is similar to a query allowing the user to select which data elements (columns) are to be output
Data Entry	Use to search for a specific person or to enter a lab or morbidity report
Date of Morbidity Report	Date when provider prepared report
Date of Report	Date that the first lab or morbidity report was prepared or sent by the person/facility reporting.
Date Received by Public Health	The date the first public health agency received the report
Documents Requiring Review	List of reports (labs or morbidities) that have not been reviewed. Dependent upon condition and user roles, user will review and remove from the list.
Documents Requiring Security Assignment	List of reports (lab or morbidities) that have been submitted without an assigned jurisdiction
Earliest Date Reported to County	Date received by local health department or health district.
Earliest Date Reported to State	Date received at central office.
ELR (Electronic Lab Report) Activity Log	The ELR Activity Log provides information on the transfer of lab results into the NEDSS Base System. This information enables action to be taken to resolve outstanding issues with

	lab result transfers, either through re-transmission of the data from the source or by manually adding a lab result.
File	View of patient's information: contains demographics, observations, investigations, and vaccination records if they exist.
General Patient Information	Information on patient's occupation, marital status, education, language and residence.
Help	Opens a pop-window with CDC-developed Help screens
Home	Brings you back to the NBS Dashboard.
Investigation	Information regarding one incidence of a disease. The generic form is used for all diseases that are not included in a Program Area Module (PAM).
Investigation Questions	Information contained within an investigation, often interpretive in nature (e.g. rash onset date). The generic form includes questions categorized in the following sections: Investigation Summary, Reporting Source, Clinical, Epidemiological and Administrative. The PAM diseases (e.g. hepatitis) contain these questions or a subset along with disease-specific questions.
Investigation Start Date	Date investigation created or date work started on the case
Investigation Status	The status of the investigation, open or closed.
Investigations	Public health investigations for a reportable condition
Investigator	The name of the public health person responsible for working on the case.
Jurisdiction	The geographic area responsible for the case (controls which health district has access to the data).
Lab Report	An observation that originates from a lab in either paper or electronic form, contains lab order and results information.
Lab Report Date	Date the lab initiated the report. You may not get this from the morbidity report. Leave this field blank in the report unless you know when the lab reported to the physician.
Logout	Exits you from the system. It is important to use this every time you exit NBS.
Manage Observations	Act of associating or disassociating an observation with an investigation. An observation is associated with an investigation when its content represents information related to the investigation. Observations may exist in a person's file unrelated to any investigation or related to one or more.
MMWR Week	MMWR week for which case information will be counted
Morbidity Report	An observation that originates from healthcare provider (e.g. hospital, doctor's office) and contains basic data regarding

	one instance of a disease. Comes in to health department from a paper report or means other than electronic message. Equivalent to a communicable disease report (CDR).
Morbidity Report Type	Indicates whether initial or updated report
Mortality	Patient's vital status and death information
My Queues	Lists of items that need action or attention. Each queue will turn purple when there are items on the list, and the number of items will be shown in parentheses.
My Report List	The list of reports created by the user could include both private and public reports.
News Feed	List of external links to articles of public health topics
Notices	System updates and links to reports and resources
Notification	Nationally Notifiable Disease Message sent to the CDC from the state. Contains the investigation data and all associated observations and vaccinations for each case of a disease.
Numeric Result	The numeric value for lab result
Observation	These reports come in to the health department from a reporting source. They often trigger the start of a public health case investigation or complement it.
Open Investigations	Shows all open investigations for your jurisdiction and conditions. (You can open the investigation by clicking the link under Start Date.)
Organization	Record type that represents information for hospitals, reporting sources, etc.
Patient Search	Allows you to search for a patient in NBS by name, DOB, current sex or ID
Patient Summary	The most current demographic information entered.
Permission Set	A permission set is a collection of objects and operations the user can access (e.g.: Add a Person). NBS has eight default permission sets. The system will restrict user access to only those screens and functions corresponding to the objects and operations that the user has permission to use as defined by the user's permission set.
Place	Record type introduced with STD/HIV module to collect information on locations that patients frequent for either drug use or sex
Program Area	ISDH program area associated with the condition
Program Area Module (PAM)	These are additions to the system designed to accommodate disease specific functionality or data gathering beyond what is provided in the Base System.
Public Report List	The list of reports shared among users. Can include standard and individually created reports.

Rejected Notifications	List of investigations that were submitted to ISDH and were rejected due to incomplete or incorrect information that need correction
Report Delivery Method	The method by which the health department received the report
Reporter	The name of the person completing a morbidity report
Reporting Facility	The name of the lab performing and reporting the test
Reports	Allows users to export data and perform analysis
Resulted Test	Test that was performed
Results Status	The degree of completion of the test (i.e. pending/complete)
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Role	When a user is assigned a permission set, the user will also be assigned the appropriate Program Area(s), Jurisdiction(s), and access level (user or guest). This combination of Permission Set, Program Area, Jurisdiction and Guest Indicator is referred to as a user's Role. A user may have several roles.
Sex and Birth Information	Patient's DOB, current sex and birthplace information
Specimen Site	The physical location where the specimen was obtained
Specimen Source	Type of tissue from which specimen originated
Standard Report	A report that is delivered as part of NEDSS Base System
State Case ID	District decision, if used, state will assign a prefix for the district to use. Used for HIV surveillance.
Submit	The save feature in NBS
Transfer Ownership	Act of changing ownership of an observation or investigation from one jurisdiction and/or program area to another. The program area/jurisdiction owners are responsible for investigating and resolving any tasks associated with the information. Ownership determines visibility through Security.
Treatment Date	Date treatment initiated (If not provided, use date of diagnosis.)
Treatments	Patient's Treatments for reportable conditions
Unique Identifiers	Various types of a patient's unique identifiers (options include Driver's license number, Medicaid number, MRN and others).
Updated Notifications Queue	List of previously-approved notifications to CDC that have been updated by another user
User	NBS will display what username you are logged in under.