

**DECLARATION OF READINESS TO ACCEPT  
PUBLIC HEALTH SYNDROMIC SURVEILLANCE REPORTING  
IN COMPLIANCE WITH  
MEANINGFUL USE STAGE 3 REQUIREMENTS**

**North Texas Syndromic Surveillance System (NTXSS)  
at  
Tarrant County Public Health**

Effective January 1, 2018 the NTXSS will accept data for syndromic surveillance records in compliance with meaningful use stage 3 requirements from electronic health records systems that meet standards for Certified Electronic Health Record Technology (CEHRT) as defined by the United States Department of Health and Human Services Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) in accordance with the following restrictions:

- **Meaningful Use Measures:** Syndromic Surveillance (SyS) reporting only
- **ONC Implementation Guide: HL7 Version 2.5.1 Implementation Guide: Syndromic Surveillance, Release 1 - US Realm** May 2018
- **Care Settings Accepted:** Eligible Hospitals (EH) – ED and inpatient; EH’s with no emergency services may claim an exclusion for SyS reporting if desired; Eligible Providers (EP) – Urgent care or standalone ED care settings only
- **NTXSS Coverage Area for Facility Locations:** Healthcare facilities must be located in Texas Department of State Health Services Health Service Region 2/3 ONLY – 49 counties in north central Texas (see map at <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/region2-3/Information/RegionMaps.shtm> ) and map below.
- **For more information on reporting syndromic surveillance data, please email your facility name, address, representative for facility and type of care provided to [phinformatics@tarrantcounty.com](mailto:phinformatics@tarrantcounty.com).**

