

Disease Surveillance Program

Tribal Health Department



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1. Patient

A person feels ill and goes to the doctor.



2. Healthcare Team

Doctor enters patient diagnosis and lab orders into the hospital's Electronic Health Record (EHR).

Doctor diagnoses or laboratory tests confirm a disease that is reportable by local, state or tribal public health department.



3. MEDSIS

Case is entered into MEDSIS by hospital, lab or public health users.

The hospital's infection prevention program begins its work and notifies the Tribal Health Department.



4. Tribal Health Department

Receives case via MEDSIS and initiates investigation

5. Investigation

- Reviews information entered into MEDSIS and EHR
- Locate patient by telephone and/or home visit
 - If patient resides outside of GRIC boundaries, identify county of residence and contact health department. If patient is another affiliated tribal member, also contact his or her Tribal Health Department.
- Provide patient with prevention education and determine patient needs.
- Input referral to appropriate entity and/or personnel, if applicable.



6. Disease Surveillance

Monitor patient with assistance from Gila River Health Care Public Health Nursing

Contact potentially exposed individuals identified via investigation; provide prevention education material



7. Outbreak

If there is an outbreak, work with GRHC and all applicable entities to develop prevention strategies

All involved entities work together to inform the public and distribute prevention education material and prevention measures

