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To: National Coordinators

CC: National Focal Points for Legionnaires' disease (ELDSNet members) and OCPs for Epidemiology/Microbiology – Legionellosis (ELDSNet members)

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Dear National Coordinators,

### **Upcoming transition of TALD surveillance to EpiPulse platform - please update user roles in SRM**

In May/June 2024 an important change will occur in the ECDC IT platforms used for Legionnaires' disease surveillance and this will affect Member State users. The platform EPIS ELDSNet will be closed down and the 'near real-time' travel associated Legionnaires' disease surveillance will be integrated into the [EpiPulse portal](#). TALD surveillance will be undertaken only using EpiPulse (TESSy and **EpiPulse events/TALD domain**).

The EpiPulse TALD domain will only be accessible to those reporting cases or involved in public health action based on TALD notifications according to the [ELDSNet TALD Operating Procedures](#). This includes appointed ECDC staff, nominated contacts from EU/EEA countries, users from countries outside of the EU/EEA within ECDC's cooperation framework, and WHO.

With the transition to EpiPulse TALD, ECDC has decided to establish the following user settings:

- Access to the EpiPulse platform is provided to individual nominated users.
- Nominated users from countries outside of EU/EEA, and WHO, will be provided access to TALD single case and cluster items depending on technical agreements based on the ELDSNet TALD surveillance operating procedures and ECDC's cooperation framework. An overview of access to signals in TALD domain by country/organisation and user role is provided in Annex 1.
- Information accessible in EpiPulse TALD domain will be provided in either full or redacted format i.e. removing data considered personally-identifying information, due to justification of processing and access to personal data for the purpose of TALD surveillance.

For this transition, we kindly ask for your support by **30 April 2024** with a review and update of **nominations for users in your country** in the ECDC Stakeholder Relationship Management system (SRM) to ensure that:

- 1) all users in your country involved in TALD surveillance (reporting cases in TESSy, receiving TALD notifications or submitting ELDSNet forms), are nominated as an ELDSNet disease network member<sup>1</sup>. An ELDSNet member is defined as having the nominated role of:
  - National Focal Point for Legionnaires' disease (Member or Alternate)
  - Or Operational Contact Point for Microbiology – Legionellosis
  - Or Operational Contact Point for Epidemiology – Legionellosis

Note that several users in a country can be nominated to an OCP role.

- an individual email address is provided for ELDSNet nominated users. Generic profiles and email addresses should be removed. Email addresses are used to form the EpiPulse user profile and thus individual email addresses from their organisational email domain should be provided to ECDC for intended nominated users.

Thereafter, ECDC will automate EpiPulse permissions for TALD domain to all those EU/EEA users having one of the above mentioned three nominated roles.

EpiPulse TALD nominated users will be invited for a digital online training prior to the actual platform transition.

Please contact [country.cooperation@ecdc.europa.eu](mailto:country.cooperation@ecdc.europa.eu) should you have any queries about the SRM nominations, or the ECDC ELDSNet team at [eldsnet@ecdc.europa.eu](mailto:eldsnet@ecdc.europa.eu) concerning the EPIS ELDSNet to EpiPulse transition.

Kind regards.

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Note regarding EpiPulse TALD domain: TALD domain is exclusively for automated signals related to TALD single case and cluster notifications. A separate EpiPulse events domain called LEGI domain may be used by Member States to inform on an event or outbreak related to Legionella risk/Legionnaires' disease.

## **Annex 1: Overview of access to signals in TALD domain by country/organisation and user role**

 [Annex 1 technical user access overview May2024.docx](#)

<sup>1</sup> ECDC (2023) Terms of reference and interactions for coordinating competent bodies [Coordinating-Competent-Bodies-Structures-Terms-of-reference-and-interactions 2023.pdf \(europa.eu\)](#)