

The role of data in a rapid and coordinated response to infectious disease outbreaks

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 Role of a data specialist in infectious diseases data ecosystem



Role of a data specialist





2. Infectious diseases data ecosystem (APPRISE CRE)



Infectious diseases data ecosystem (APPRISE CRE)





3. Types of data and how they inform outbreak investigation and response



Clinical research and infection prevention

- Clinical data in prior pandemics
- Collect data from hospitals, clinical care and ambulatory settings
- Observational studies





Laboratory research and diagnostics

- Timely diagnostics
- Testing capabilities
- Specialised reference laboratories
- Pathogen (bacterium, virus, or other microorganism that can cause disease) characteristics (Genomics)





Public health surveillance systems

- Impact assessment
- Severity and transmissibility
- Pathogen-based (bacterium, virus, or other microorganism that can cause disease) surveillance system
- Syndrome-oriented (set of medical signs and symptoms) surveillance systems





Communities (First Nations peoples)

- Information on risk factors
- More severely affected during past pandemics
- Respectful and ethical engagement with First Nations peoples
- Integrate into clinical, laboratory and public health information systems.





Information hubs





4. Barriers and enablers to data sharing and usage



Clinical research and infection prevention

Barriers to sharing and using data

- Platform to collect multi-site data
- Other syndromic presentations
- Rapid data dissemination

- Harmonised protocols
- Multi-site implementation capacity
- Comprehensive information



Laboratory research and diagnostics

Barriers to sharing and using data

- Jurisdictional material/data governance
- Computational and analytical capacity for genomics
- Lengthy approval processes

- Model for cross-jurisdictional information sharing
- Genomics capacity
- Laboratory network of experts
- Research and surveillance capacity



Public health surveillance systems

Barriers to sharing and using data

- Trigger data for public health response
- Comparability to nonepidemic data
- Synthesis across health and community settings

- National level information gathering
- Collaborative working
 relationships
- Data is routinely shared
- Existing systems leveraged for emerging infections



Communities (First Nations peoples)

Barriers to sharing and using data

- Data sovereignty
- Retrospective data completeness
- Past experiences and mistrust of health services
- Ethical sensitivities
- Orphaned datasets

- Research capacity
- Respectful community
 engagement
- Ongoing process of changing the way administrative datasets collect data on identities



5. Exemplars of COVID-19 investigation through open data access and analytics



ISARIC – International Severe Acute Respiratory And Emerging Infection Consortium

COVID-19 Clinical Research Resources





In response to the outbreak of novel coronavirus (COVID-19), ISARIC has developed a portfolio of clinical research resources. This is an international resource for facilitating the collection of standardised clinical data on patients hospitalised with suspected or confirmed infection with COVID-19. The tools have undergone extensive review and validation by international clinical experts.

To access the tools, please click on the links below:

1. ISARIC/WHO Case Record Form (CRF) for prospective or retrospective standardised clinical data collection to inform patient care and public health responses.

2. Clinical Characterisation Protocol (CCP) to enable clinical data and biological samples to be collected in a globally harmonised manner.

The resources are free to use and investigators retain **full control** of all data and samples.

You will retain **full ownership and access** to your data and it will not be used or shared in any way without your permission

Below, a COVID-19 map with data collected from publicly available news and media.



Open genomics data access and analytics



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GISAID (Global Initiative on Sharing All Influenza Data)

> Genomic epidemiology of novel coronavirus

Kaintained by the Nextstrain team. Enabled by data from GISAID

Showing 955 of 955 genomes sampled between Dec 2019 and Mar 2020.





Coronavirus COVID-19 Global Cases by the Center for Systems Science and Engineering (CSSE) at Johns Hopkins University (JHU)

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How do we make better "Decisions for Data" to improve the "Data for Decisions"?

- Break out of silos. There is immense value in combining information from different systems
- Standardised and harmonised data fields, formats and definitions for consistent decision making
- Clear understanding of the value for synthesising and aggregating data
- Build capacity (e.g. infrastructure, skills, people, time, funding, collaborations) during preparedness stage for better response



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