

**Memorandum of Agreement  
between  
The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services  
and**

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The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), and \_\_\_\_\_ (Facility), enter into this Memorandum of Agreement (Agreement) allowing Facility to have secure access to the Missouri State Public Health Laboratory (SPHL) OpenELIS Web Portal and/or iConnect Lab Web Portal hereafter referred to as OpenELIS Web Portal/iConnect Lab Web Portal.

**1. DHSS agrees to:**

- a. Authorize access to the OpenELIS Web Portal/iConnect Lab Web Portal to those members of Facility's staff who have completed the Automated Security Access Processing (ASAP) process to obtain access to the OpenELIS Web Portal/iConnect Lab Web Portal or the Access Request Access Form, which is included as Attachment A to this Agreement and is incorporated as if fully set forth herein; and
- b. Provide Facility with access to the OpenELIS Web Portal/iConnect Lab Web Portal data to the extent permitted by this Agreement and by applicable State and federal laws regarding the confidentiality of data available through the OpenELIS Web Portal/iConnect Lab Web Portal.

**2. Facility agrees to:**

- a. Require each staff member who needs OpenELIS Web Portal/iConnect Lab Web Portal access to complete the ASAP process or submit completed Access Forms to DHSS;
- b. Allow only those staff members who have been granted access by DHSS to access OpenELIS Web Portal/iConnect Lab Web Portal data only for the limited purposes set forth in this Agreement;
- c. Not allow its staff members to conduct unrestricted browsing through OpenELIS Web Portal/iConnect Lab Web Portal records;
- d. Notify the DHSS/SPHL Contact Person in writing:
  - i. At least three (3) business days prior to an employee's resignation, retirement, or reassignment;
  - ii. Immediately if Facility terminates a staff member's employment;
  - iii. Immediately upon discovering any security breach of OpenELIS Web Portal/iConnect Lab Web Portal data breach and/or upon discovering an actual or suspected unauthorized disclosure of any OpenELIS Web Portal/iConnect Lab Web Portal information; and
  - iv. Immediately upon becoming aware of any security incident; for purposes of

this paragraph, “security incident” shall mean the attempted or successful unauthorized access, use, modification, or destruction of information or interference with systems operations in the OpenELIS/iConnect system;

- e. Maintain confidentiality of OpenELIS Web Portal/iConnect Lab Web Portal data as required by this Agreement and applicable State and federal law, including, but not limited to:
  - i. § 192.067, RSMo (Communicable, Environmental, and Occupational Diseases);
  - ii. § 191.656, RSMo (HIV test results);
  - iii. § 701.328, RSMo (blood lead level data); and
  - iv. The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), as amended by the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH) (PL-111-5) (collectively, and hereinafter, HIPAA) and all regulations promulgated pursuant to authority granted therein.
- f. Safeguard the secure data connection and the security, privacy and confidentiality of OpenELIS Web Portal/iConnect Lab Web Portal data through administrative, physical, and/or technical methods, including, but not limited to:
  - i. Preventing unauthorized access to any OpenELIS Web Portal/iConnect Lab Web Portal data;
  - ii. Training Facility’s staff as to the confidentiality of OpenELIS Web Portal/iConnect Lab Web Portal data and Facility’s methods of safeguarding that data, prior to allowing staff members to access the OpenELIS Web Portal/iConnect Lab Web Portal;
  - iii. Requiring all staff members who have access to the OpenELIS Web Portal/iConnect Lab Web Portal to maintain the confidentiality of OpenELIS Web Portal/iConnect Lab Web Portal data;
  - iv. Controlling access through passwords or other security measures to computer terminal(s) with access to OpenELIS Web Portal/iConnect Lab Web Portal data and to data storage and production areas that contain OpenELIS Web Portal/iConnect Lab Web Portal data; and
  - v. Implementing other security measures determined to be necessary by DHSS to safeguard OpenELIS Web Portal/iConnect Lab Web Portal data;
- g. Provide documentation, upon request, to the DHSS Contact Person demonstrating all of the safeguards Facility put into place to protect OpenELIS Web Portal/iConnect Lab Web Portal data;
- h. Bear all costs and expenses necessary for Facility’s staff to access the OpenELIS Web Portal/iConnect Lab Web Portal, including computer hardware, software, telecommunications, services, personnel, networks, audits, licenses, transportation, insurance, bonds, administration; or installation; and

- i. Review the list of its staff who have access to the OpenELIS Web Portal/iConnect Lab Web Portal at least once year and as part of the Agreement renewal process, to ensure that only staff members who still need OpenELIS Web Portal/iConnect Lab Web Portal access have access and that the access for all staff members who no longer need access has been revoked.

**3. Contact Persons:**

The parties designate the following individuals as the contacts for this Agreement. Both parties will update the contacts as necessary.

For DHSS/SPHL:

Shanna West  
 State Public Health Laboratory  
 Department of Health and Senior Services  
 101 N. Chestnut Street, PO Box 570  
 Jefferson City, MO 65102-0570  
 Email: [Shanna.West@health.mo.gov](mailto:Shanna.West@health.mo.gov)  
 Phone: (573) 751-3334  
 Fax: (573) 526-2565

For Facility:

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 Fax: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

DHSS Help Desk (for resetting passwords): 573-751-6388

**4. Terms of Agreement:**

- a. The parties shall make changes to this Agreement only by executing a written amendment signed and approved by the parties.
- b. This agreement shall be effective from the date of the last signature and shall remain in effect for 12 months. The Parties may renew this Agreement for four (4) additional one (1) year terms.
- c. Either party may terminate this Agreement by providing 60 days' prior written notice to the other party. DHSS may terminate the Agreement immediately if Facility or any of Facility's staff members with access to the OpenELIS Web Portal/iConnect Lab Web Portal breach this Agreement.
- d. In no event shall DHSS be liable for any damages, including but not limited to actual, direct, incidental, or consequential damages, arising out of or in any way connected with the Facility's access or use of the OpenELIS Web Portal/iConnect Lab Web Portal System under this Agreement or otherwise. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as a waiver, express or implied, of the sovereign immunity of DHSS.
- e. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the state of Missouri. The venue for any action concerning this Agreement shall be in the Circuit Court of Cole County, Missouri.
- f. This Agreement supersedes all other agreements and representations, written or oral, on the subject matter hereof, including previous agreements or understandings relating to the subject matter hereof.

WHEREFORE, the parties hereto, acting by and through their duly authorized representatives, have executed this Agreement on the date(s) set forth below.

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Division Director or Designee  
Division of Administration  
Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services

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**Attachment A** (one must be submitted for each user):

Click to submit form or email to [MSPHLInformatics@health.mo.gov](mailto:MSPHLInformatics@health.mo.gov)