

# Data Quality

## *Improving the Quality of Data in your IIS*

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# Learning Objectives

- Develop an understanding of core data quality concepts and themes
- Apply foundational documents in considering aspects of your system's data quality (e.g., CDC Blueprint and Dashboard, AIRA Measurement and Improvement Content Areas, etc.)
- Understand and be able to identify multiple points of intervention for improving your system's data quality



# Overview of Data Quality (DQ)



## Introduction

- Review and Discuss Your Data Quality Assessment (pre-work)

## Deeper Discussion of Key DQ Tools and Resources

- CDC DQ Blueprint/Dashboard, Measurement and Improvement Reports on DQ, Guidance Resources

Activity: Where to Intervene to Improve Data Quality?



# Introduction to DQ

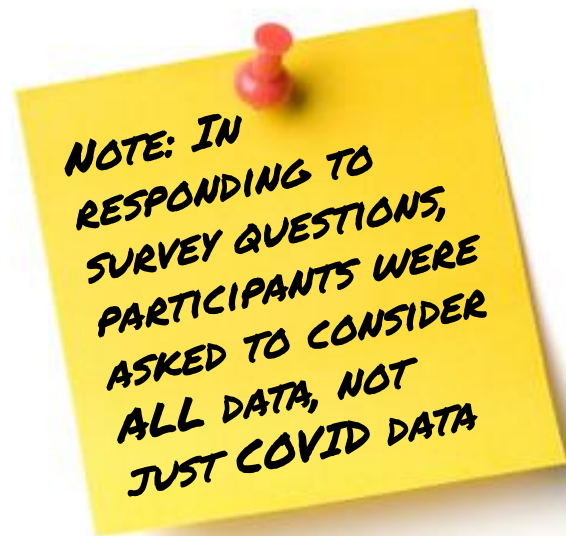
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*Review of your DQ assessments*



## Reviewing All Participants' Data Quality Assessments

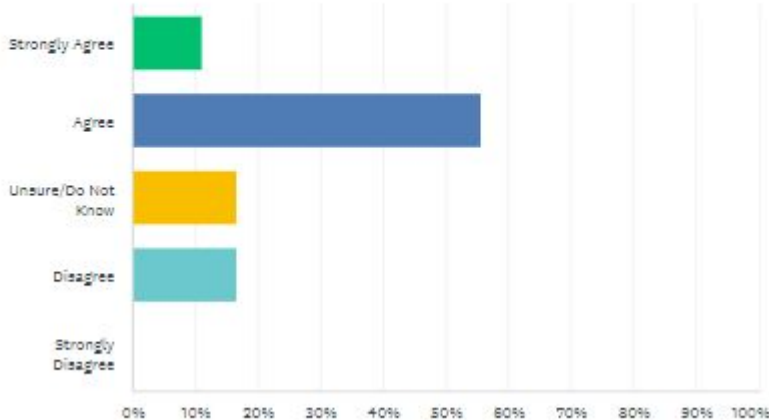
- Where does the community overall appear to be strongest?
- Where do the most significant challenges seem to exist?
- Any surprises?
- Do you see your IIS as an outlier with any questions?



# Data Quality Survey Responses

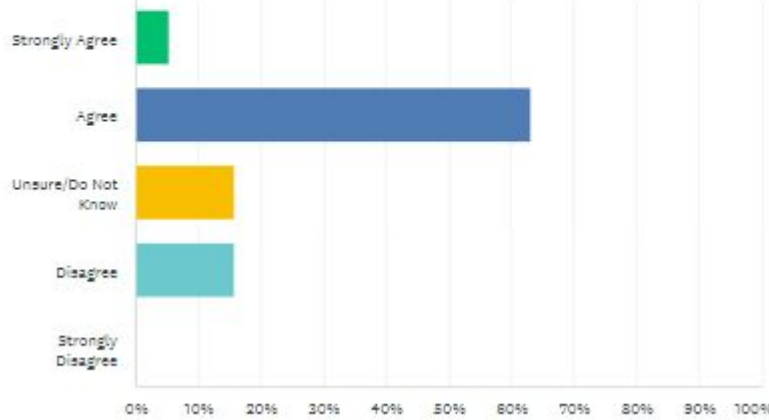
Our IIS program has a comprehensive plan or protocol for monitoring IIS incoming data quality.

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Our IIS program has a comprehensive plan or protocol for assessing data within my system (data at rest).

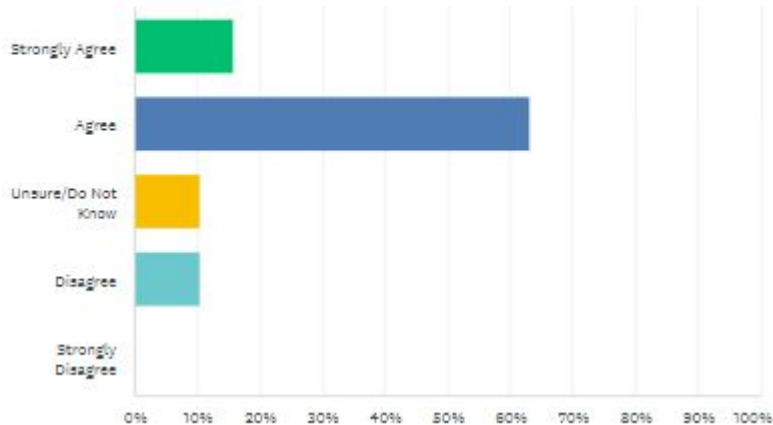
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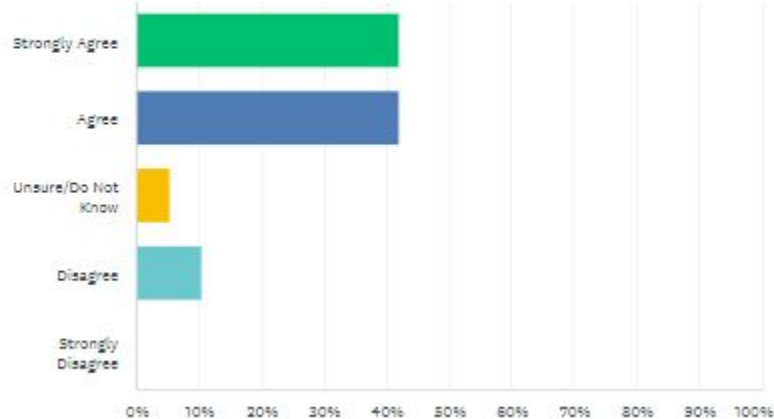
Our IIS program has clear and documented procedures for onboarding new providers.

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I can query our IIS and determine how many vaccines each provider administers and reports.

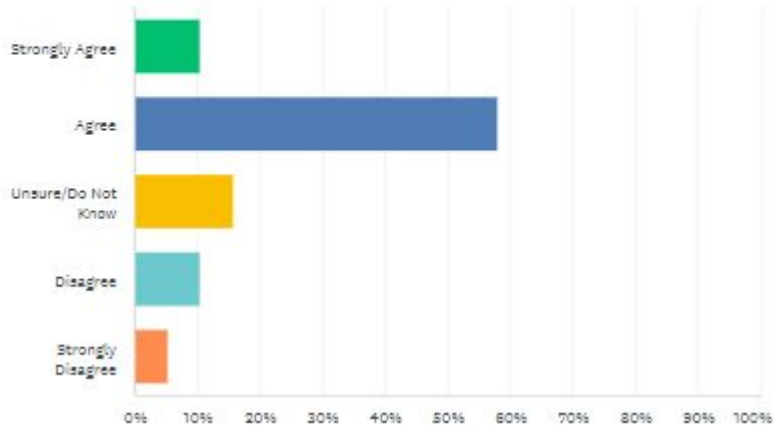
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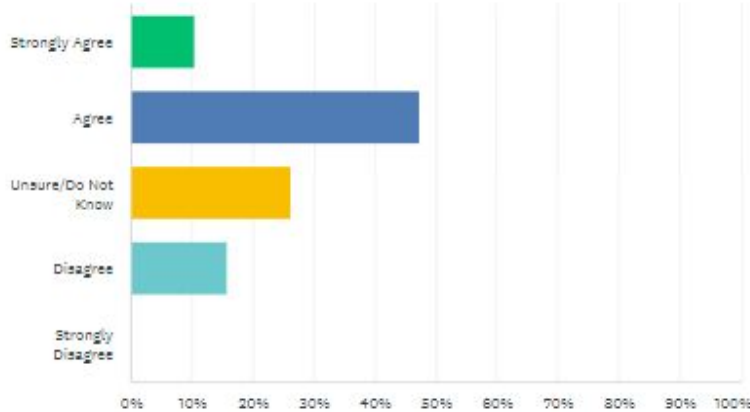
My team has a viable method for assessing the percentage of potential duplicate patient records in the IIS.

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My team has a viable method for assessing the percentage of potential duplicate immunizations in the IIS.

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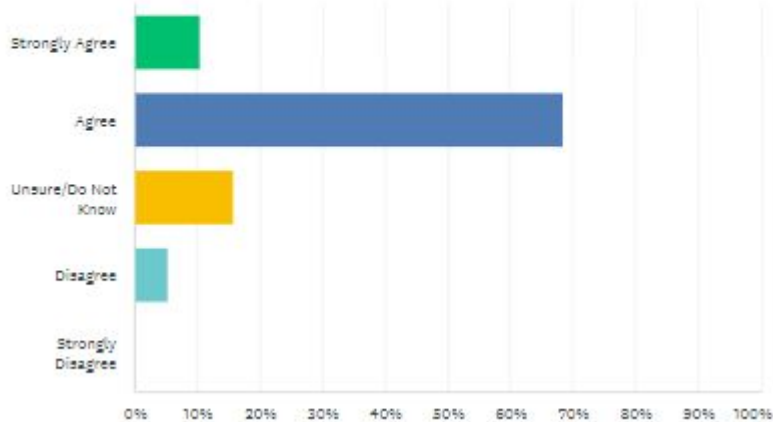




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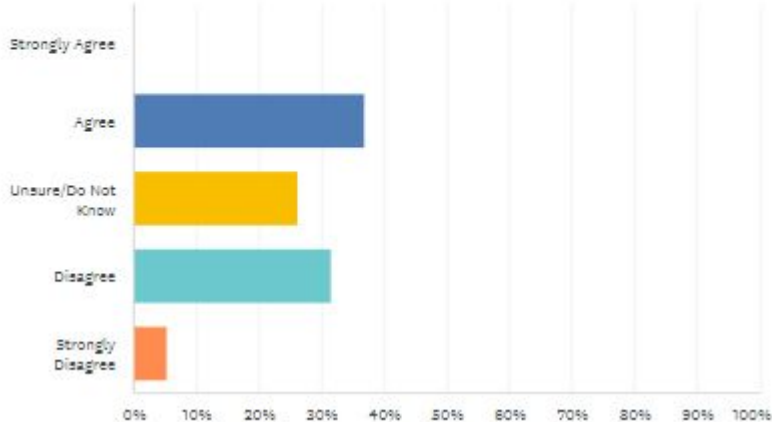
My team can explain to providers what steps our program takes to ensure data quality.

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Our system provides helpful routine data quality reports to providers.

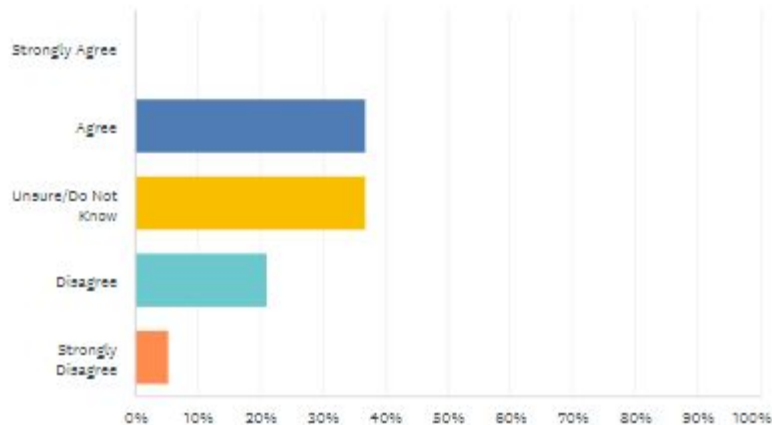
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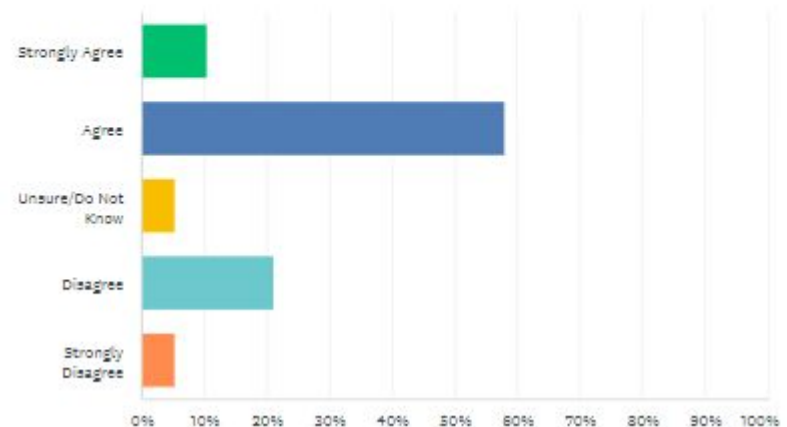
Our providers regularly review acknowledgement messages and data quality reports, and fix data quality errors in the IIS in a timely manner.

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Our program and/or technology partners can add a new vaccine and forecast to the IIS in a timely and accurate way.

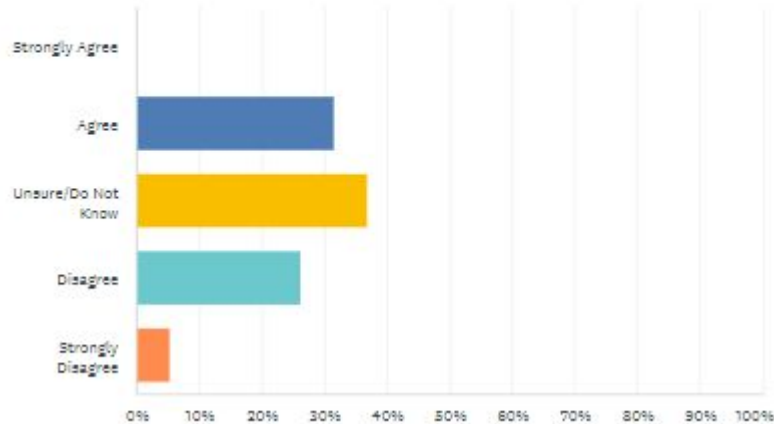
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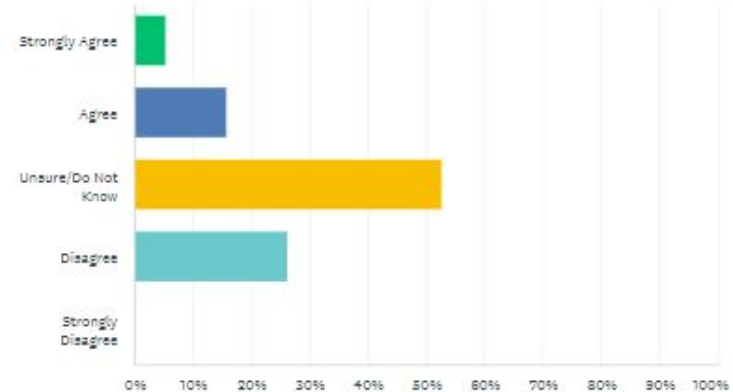
I am/my team is familiar with the MIROW business rules and guidance documents related to data quality.

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Our IIS program has implemented most of the documented data quality business rules and best practices noted in MIROW chapters and data quality guidance documents.

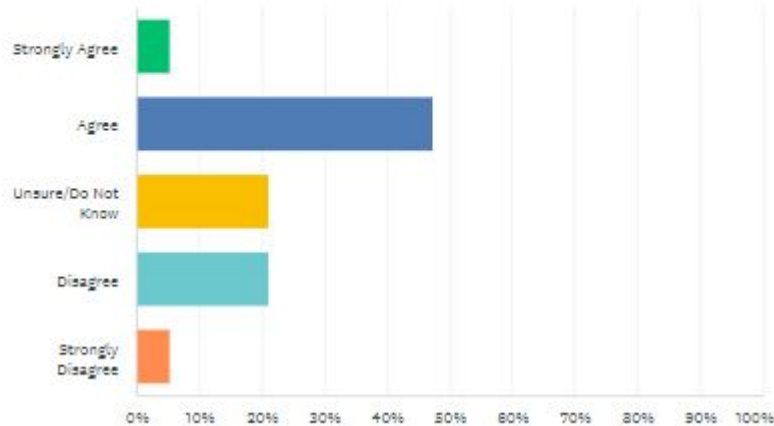
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I have/my team has enough staff to adequately address data quality within my IIS.

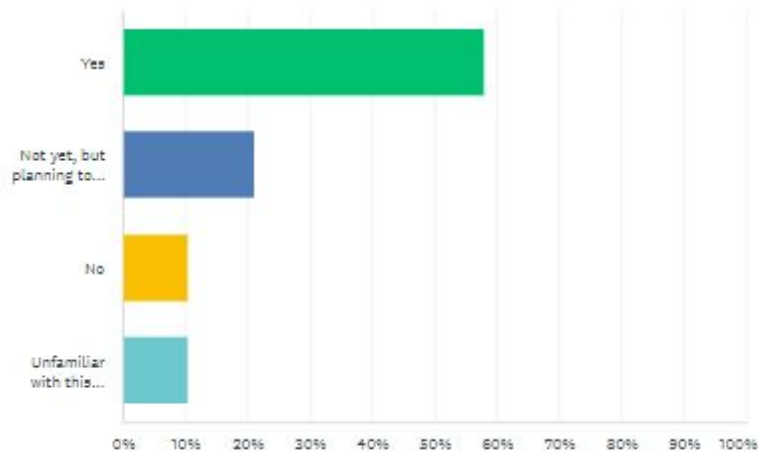
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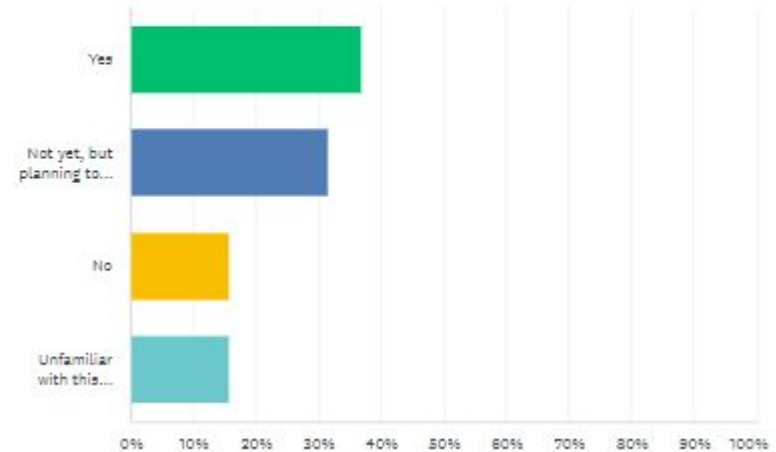
Have you or your team reviewed the AIRA AART report on incoming/ongoing data in the last year?

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Have you or your team reviewed the AIRA AART report on data at rest in the last year?

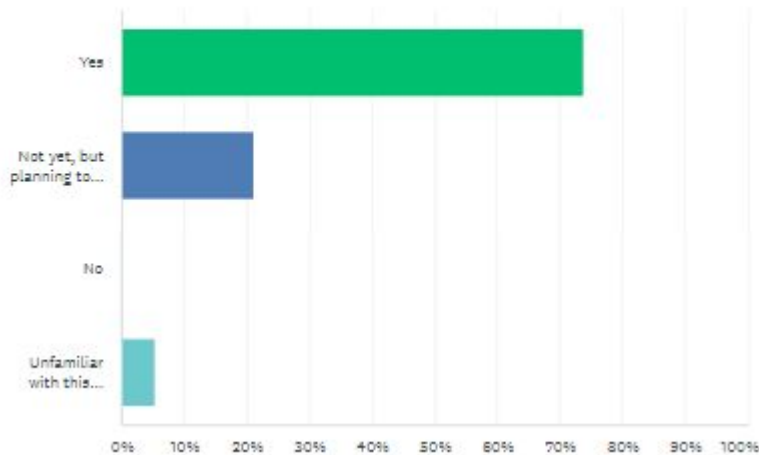
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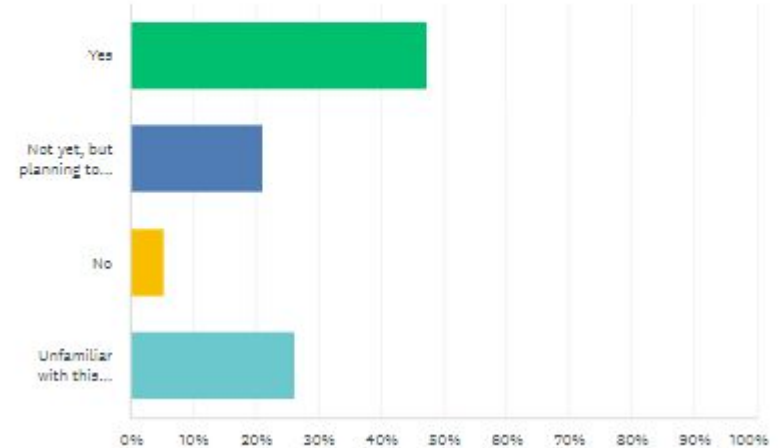
Have you or your team reviewed CDC's data quality reports in the last year?

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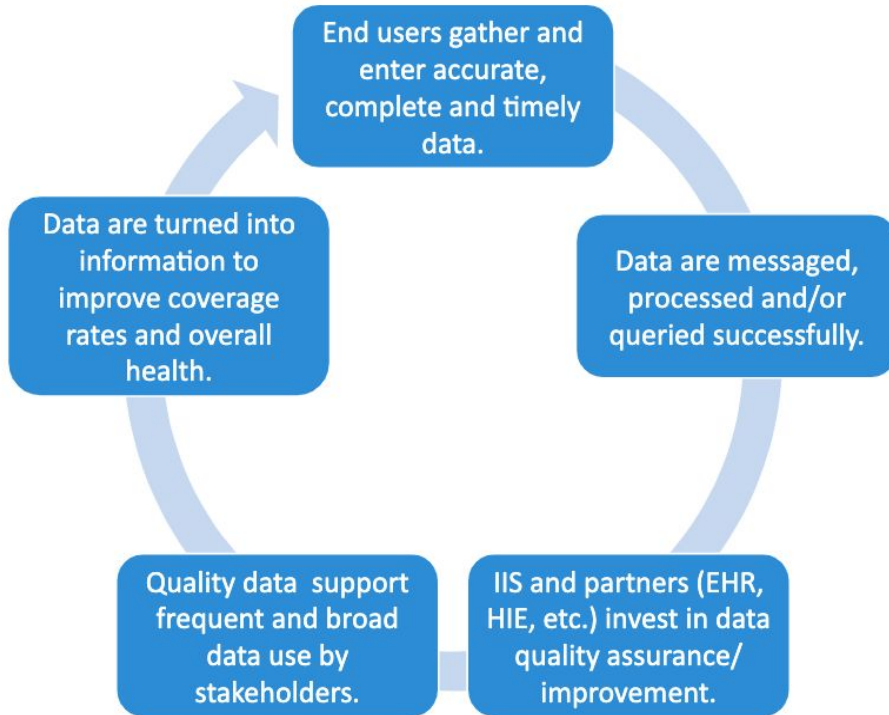


Have you or your team reviewed your program's CDC dashboard in the last year?

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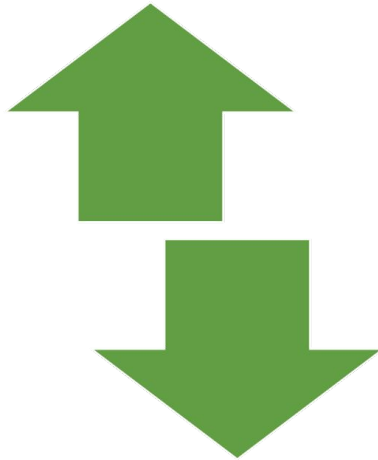


# Relationship Between Data Use and Data Quality



- The more stakeholders use the data, the more they will invest in the data quality
- We should make it **easy** for authorized users to get data in and out of our systems

# DQ Trade-Offs: Consider an IIS with Extremely Rigid Data Quality Requirements for Incoming Data



Accuracy of data in the IIS may go up

Completeness of data would likely go down



# IIS Leader's Role in Data Quality



Ensure resources are devoted to assessing and improving data quality



Set the direction for data quality efforts through planning and prioritization



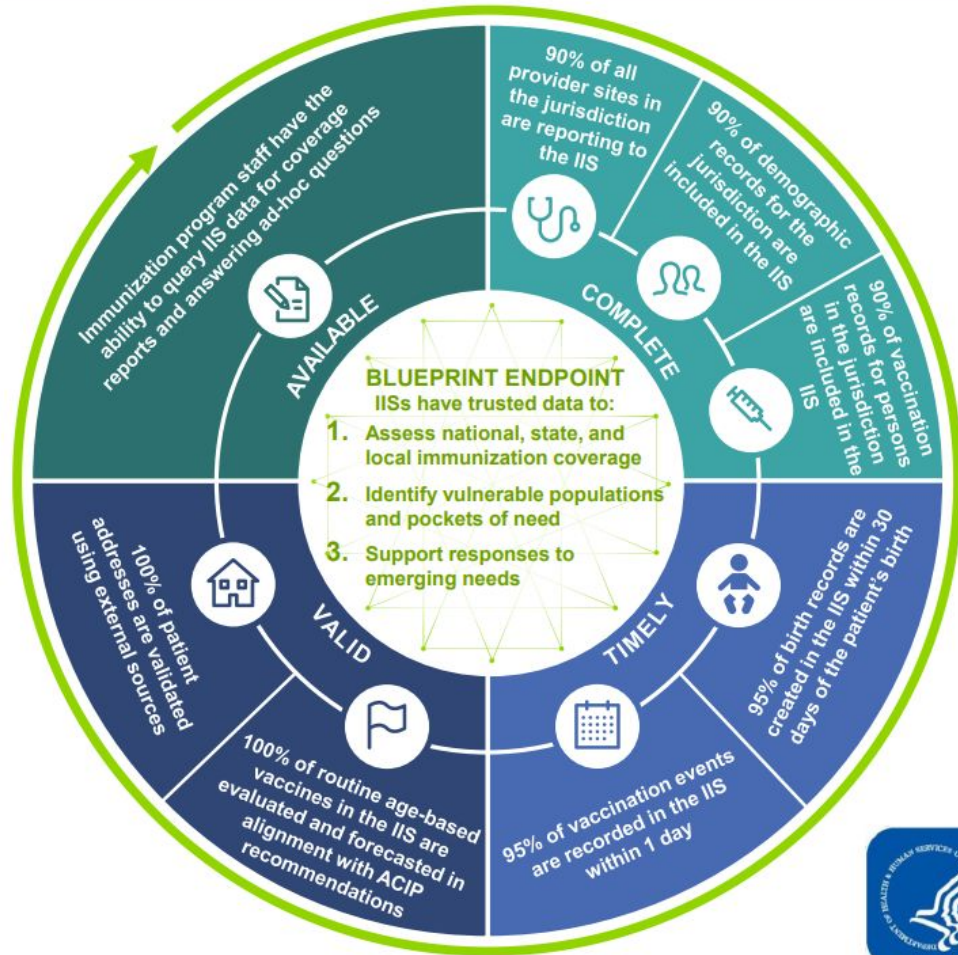
Strategically communicate about data quality internally and externally

# Key Data Quality Tools



*Information and Resources for Your Use*

# What Guides IIS Community-Wide DQ Activities?



# CDC Reports

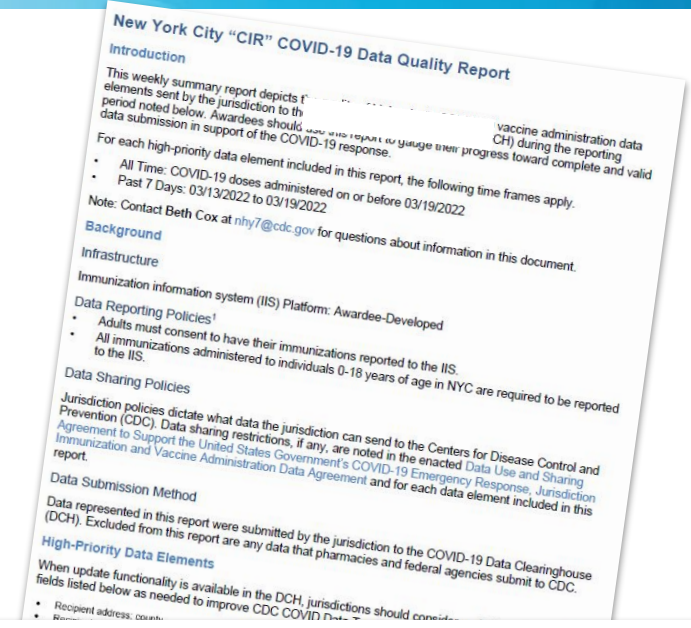
## Past COVID-19 Data Quality Reports

- Race/Ethnicity
- County
- CVX Code

## CDC Dashboard

## Routine Imms Analysis

- Quarterly reports
  - *To be developed*



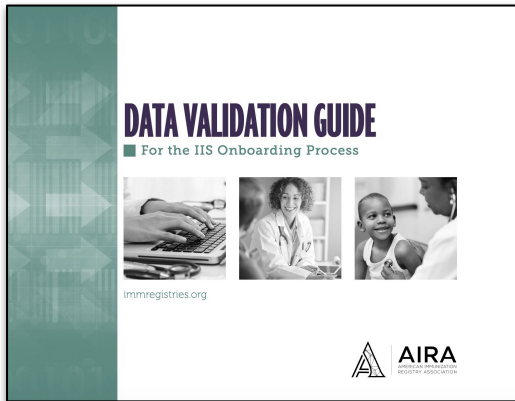
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**Blueprint Milestone:** Immunization program staff have the ability to query IIS data for coverage reports and answering ad hoc questions

Indicator	Year: 2018	Year: 2019	Year: 2020	2020 Target Achieved	Target	% Awardees Meeting Target in 2020
In the last calendar year, the IIS was used to generate provider-level coverage assessments that met current published CDC operational and technical guidelines for provider-level quality improvement. [18.1.1]	No Data	Yes	Yes	★	Yes	93.8%
In the last calendar year, IIS staff produced IIS-generated provider-level coverage assessments based on user-selected criteria. [18.1.2]	No Data	Yes	Yes	★	Yes	87.5%
In the last calendar year, non-IIS immunization program staff produced IIS generated provider level coverage assessments based on user-selected criteria. [18.1.3]	No Data	Yes	Yes	★	Yes	82.8%
In the last calendar year, providers were able to produce IIS-generated coverage assessments based on user-selected criteria. [18.1.4]	No Data	Yes	Yes	★	Yes	84.4%

# Guidance for Program Practices

1. Onboarding data testing prior to go-live
2. Incoming/ongoing data via monitoring
3. Data at rest via evaluation/assessment



# Onboarding Guide

Document released and published  
on AIRA Repository – January 2019

<http://repository.immregistries.org/resource/onboarding-consensus-based-recommendations/>



**ONBOARDING  
CONSENSUS-BASED  
RECOMMENDATIONS**

NOVEMBER 2018



**AIRA**  
AMERICAN IMMUNIZATION  
REGISTRY ASSOCIATION



# Onboarding Templates

1. **Readiness Checklist** - a tool used to provide an overview of activities that need to be completed by a provider in order to prepare for onboarding and data exchange
2. **Registration Form** - a tool used to capture basic information from a provider organization that wants to exchange data with your IIS
3. **Questionnaire** - a questionnaire used to capture detailed information from a provider regarding population served, immunization practice, patients, and electronic health record (EHR) system used
4. **Onboarding Guide** - a tool used to provide information about the IIS onboarding process for provider organizations to establish and test data exchange with an IIS
5. **Onboarding and Interface Project Tracking Tool** - a tool that allows IIS to monitor and track provider organizations' onboarding progress



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## Replaces:

- Data Quality Assurance in Immunization Information Systems: Incoming Data (2008)
- Data Quality Assurance in Immunization Information Systems: Selected Aspects (2013)
- Lot Number Validation Best Practices Micro-Guide (2014)





# Data Quality Main Characteristics

**Availability:** IIS data can be readily used by authorized users to inform IIS and immunization program activities.

**Completeness:** The IIS contains all (historic and new) vaccination and demographic records for persons residing in the jurisdiction, and all vaccination and demographic records contain complete data fields.

**Timeliness:** Patient records are established, and vaccination events are recorded in the IIS within specified time frames.

**Validity:** Vaccination and demographic records in the IIS conform with generally accepted standards (e.g., Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommendations, United States Postal Service standards).



# Data Quality Enabling Characteristics

**Accuracy:** The IIS correctly reflects the demographic information of patients and data related to all aspects of their vaccination events.

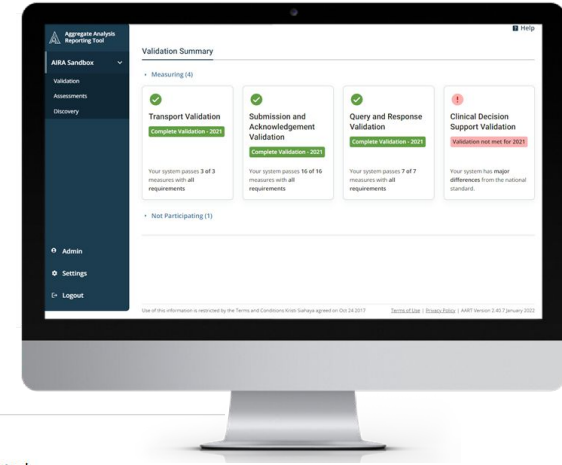
**Consistency:** The IIS receives, stores, and processes data in accordance with established standards.

**Uniqueness:** Each patient and their corresponding vaccinations are recorded only once in the IIS.

# AART DQ Content Areas

## Assessment

IIS Assessment involves more formal testing to measure individual IIS systems using IIS community-selected measures and tests.



Content Area	Assessment Results	Validation Results
<a href="#">Transport</a>	3 of 3 	2022 ✔ Complete Validated
<a href="#">Submission &amp; Acknowledgement</a>	16 of 16 	2021 ✔ Complete Validated
<a href="#">Query &amp; Response</a>	7 of 8 	2021 ✔ Complete Validated
<a href="#">Data Quality Incoming/Ongoing</a>	25 of 27 	Report not Available
<a href="#">Clinical Decision Support</a>	5 of 12 	2021 ❗ Major Difference - Validation Not Met



# Data At Rest (DAR) Process



De-identified patient and vaccination data on 0 to 2-year-olds extracted from IIS database

De-identified data transformed into encrypted file of counts for each measure

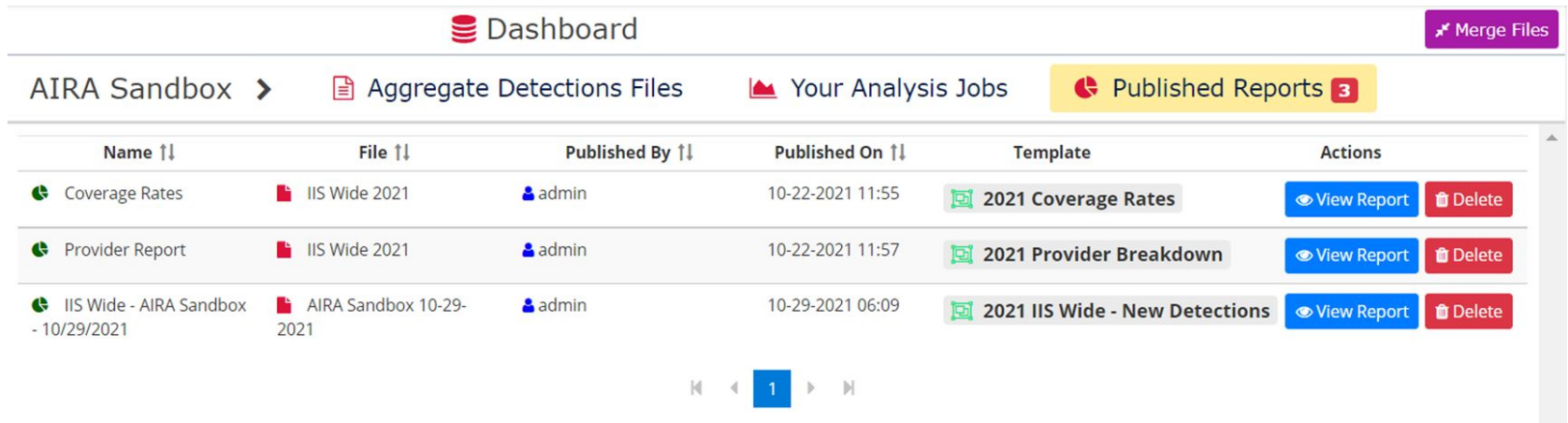
AIRA analyzes encrypted file and measures data



- Completeness
- Validity
- Timeliness



















# DAR Benefits

IIS wide and provider specific data quality reports, robust ad-hoc query functionality:



Dashboard

AIRA Sandbox > Aggregate Detections Files Your Analysis Jobs Published Reports 3 Merge Files

Name ↑↓	File ↑↓	Published By ↑↓	Published On ↑↓	Template	Actions
 Coverage Rates	 IIS Wide 2021	 admin	10-22-2021 11:55	 2021 Coverage Rates	 View Report  Delete
 Provider Report	 IIS Wide 2021	 admin	10-22-2021 11:57	 2021 Provider Breakdown	 View Report  Delete
 IIS Wide - AIRA Sandbox - 10/29/2021	 AIRA Sandbox 10-29- 2021	 admin	10-29-2021 06:09	 2021 IIS Wide - New Detections	 View Report  Delete

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Visit <https://www.immregistries.org/data-at-rest> for more information or email [aart@immregistries.org](mailto:aart@immregistries.org) to participate



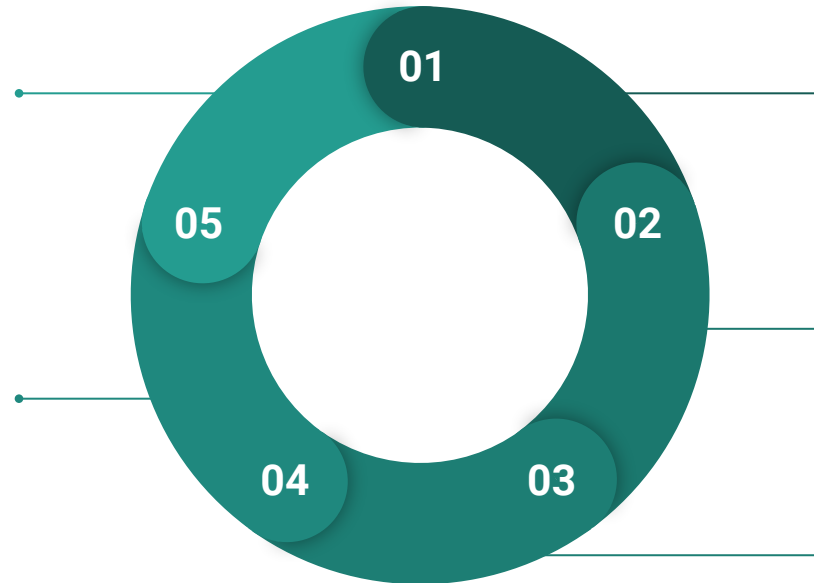
# Determine Who/Where to Intervene on IIS DQ Challenges

## IIS HL7 Interface

IIS may not send back properly configured acknowledgement or response messages.

## IIS System or Program

IIS may have questionable deduplication algorithms that cause false positives or false negatives, or incomplete business rules.



## End User

(Provider, pharmacist, etc.)

Workflow issues may affect accuracy or completeness of data capture.

## EHR HL7 Interface

EHR system may be sending inconsistently, or may be unable to receive acknowledgement messages.

## Electronic Health Record/ IT System

System may have fields configured incorrectly or code sets improperly mapped.



# Incentivizing Provider Sites/EHRs to Invest in Data Quality

Once providers are through testing, how do we engage them?

Ideas:

- Provider site report cards/quality reports
  - Summary of IIS activity with report cards:  
<https://repository.immregistries.org/resource/provider-organization-level-report-cards-data-quality-reports/>
- Recognition for good data quality (e.g., “honor roll”, partner awards)
- Leveraging associations (e.g., AAP, AAFP)
- Partnering with local chapters (e.g., HIMSS\*)
- Support ONC rules that incentivize reporting (e.g., HTI-1)



What else?

<sup>31</sup>\*HIMSS = Health Information Management Systems Society



*Upstream*



*Downstream*







*Upstream*

*Data Also Flows  
Bidirectionally*

*Downstream*



*Provider Office EHR Data Entry Screens/Work Flow*



*EHR User Interface, Outgoing Message Triggers,  
Incoming Query Responses*



*HIE Business Rules/Processes*



*IIS HL7 Interface Standards*



*IIS Business Rules, Matching*



*IIS Data Quality Reports*



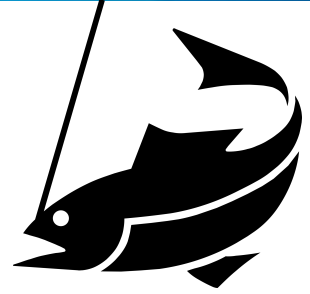
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# Activity: Upstream, Downstream, Where to Fish?



- Each table will take on one data quality scenario
- Participants will answer these four questions, writing high-level notes on the flip charts:
  - What problem are we addressing (i.e., what fish are we looking for?)
  - Where is the root cause (i.e., where are the big fish)?
  - What can we do about it (i.e., how do we catch them)?
  - What resources could help us (i.e., what's the best bait)?
- When groups are finished, they will rotate to another group's responses, reviewing and adding to them with a "Yes, and..." or "But wait, what about this..." approach with the speech bubble sticky notes





# Activity: Upstream, Downstream, Where to Fish?

- Share your highlights with the larger group



# Summary

Data quality promotes trust in the data, and data trust facilitates data use

In improving data quality, it's important to consider the most impactful areas for intervention

IIS leaders can ensure resources and attention are directed toward improving data quality and supporting interoperability

# Questions/Comments/Discussion?

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# Data Quality Resources

- [CDC IIS Data Quality Blueprint](#) - guide to address and advance IIS data quality characteristics
- [Data Validation Guide for the IIS Onboarding Process](#) - provides recommendations on the data validation process within onboarding
- [IIS Data Quality Practices: Monitoring and Evaluating Data Submissions](#) - focuses on the ongoing data monitoring and evaluation process for incoming data submissions
- [IIS Data Quality Practices: To Monitor and Evaluate Data at Rest](#) - provides practical guidance on techniques, methodologies, and processes for IIS to use in assessing the quality of data at rest
- [Data Quality Assurance in Immunization Information Systems](#) - provides best practice recommendations that support and sustain high-quality data in IIS
- [AIRA Aggregate Analysis Reporting Tool \(AART\) Tool](#) - an application developed to visualize and compile results and information on community-driven measures and tests related to IIS Functional Standards
- <http://repository.immregistries.org/resource/onboarding-consensus-based-recommendations/> - guidance to promote best practices for provider onboarding to IIS

