



# Developing a Guide for cCMV Surveillance in US Health Departments

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# Agenda

- **Introduction/Background/Context** (15 mins)
  - cCMV surveillance in the U.S
    - History/context around cCMV surveillance
    - CSTE cCMV position statement
    - US cCMV surveillance landscape
  - Introduction to SET-NET
- **State presentations: Screening, Surveillance, & Lessons Learned** (70 - 80 mins)
  - NJ (20 mins)
  - UT (20 mins)
  - MN (20 mins)
  - Q&A (10 mins)
- **Discussion** (30 - 40 mins)
  - Goal/ask of the session
  - Discussion questions/prompts
  - Recap



# **cCMV Surveillance in the US: Background and Context**

# Why conduct state-based surveillance?

- Provide population-based data on **cCMV disease burden and trends**
- Identify **risk groups for cCMV disease** who might be targeted for future interventions
- Provide baseline data **for evaluations of impact of future intervention programs** (e.g., vaccine, behavioral interventions, newborn screening, treatment)

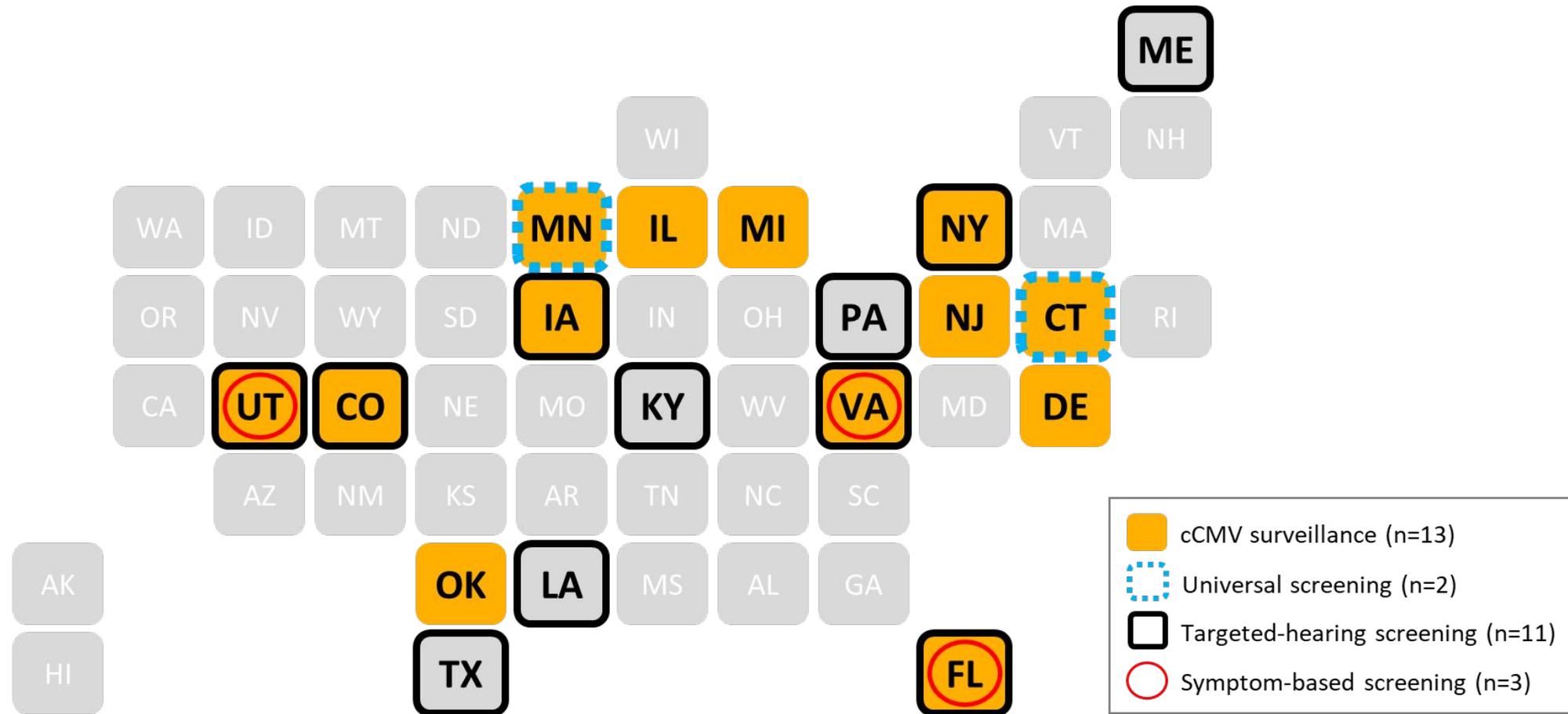


# Background on cCMV surveillance

## **cCMV surveillance in the United States is complicated by several factors:**

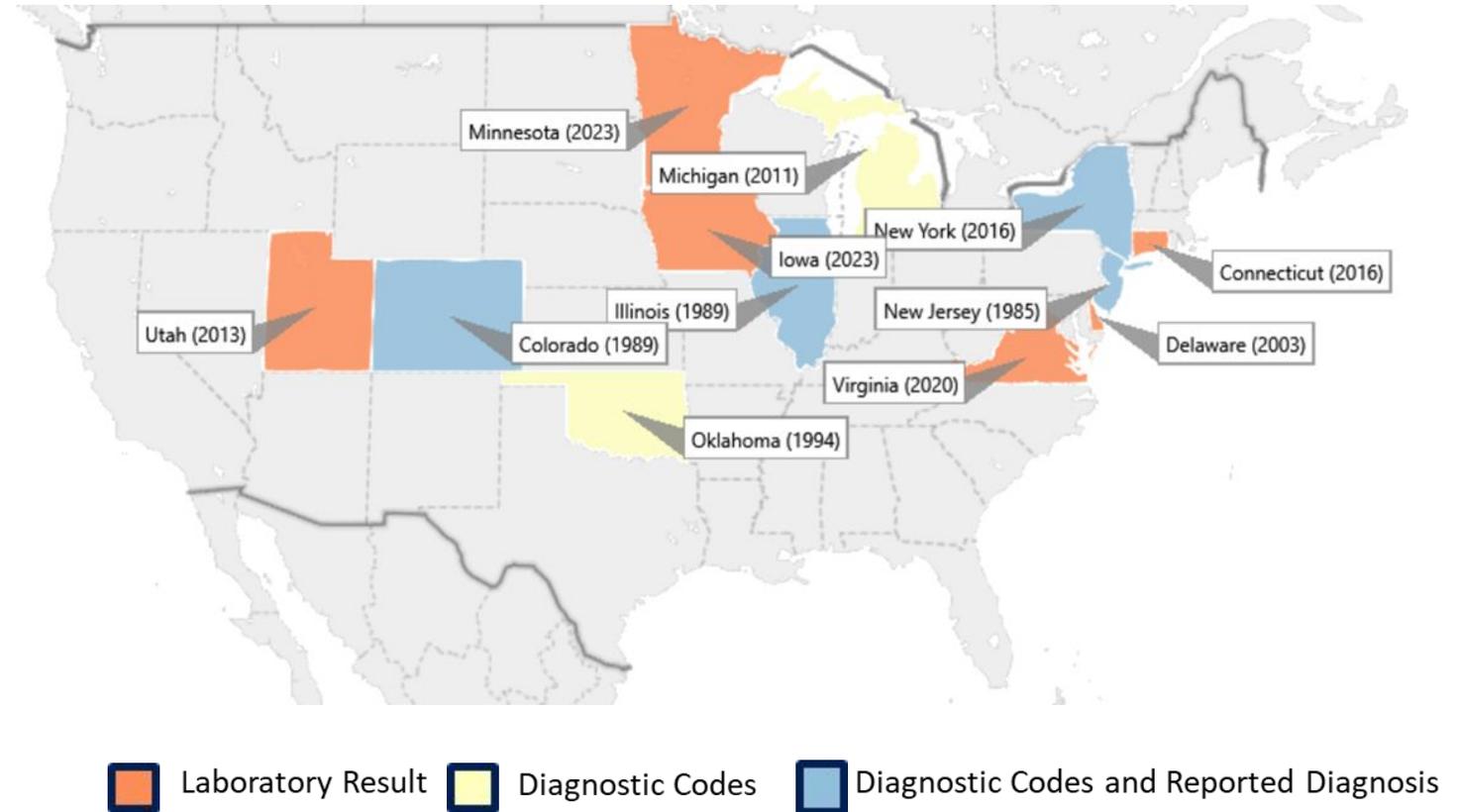
- Universal prenatal screening for cCMV is not recommended
- Most newborns with cCMV infection have no clinical signs at birth
  - Not identified without universal screening
  - Late onset sequelae can present (e.g., sensorineural hearing loss, developmental delays)
- Neonatal clinical signs of cCMV are nonspecific and potentially attributed to other conditions
- Postnatally acquired CMV infection is common among infants (incidence of at least 3% by 4-6 weeks of life)
- Not all newborns with a laboratory diagnosis of cCMV have an associated diagnostic code
- Diagnostic codes have been used for case ascertainment; however, they have not been validated

# US landscape on cCMV screening and surveillance



# 13 States\* have initiated efforts to conduct cCMV surveillance

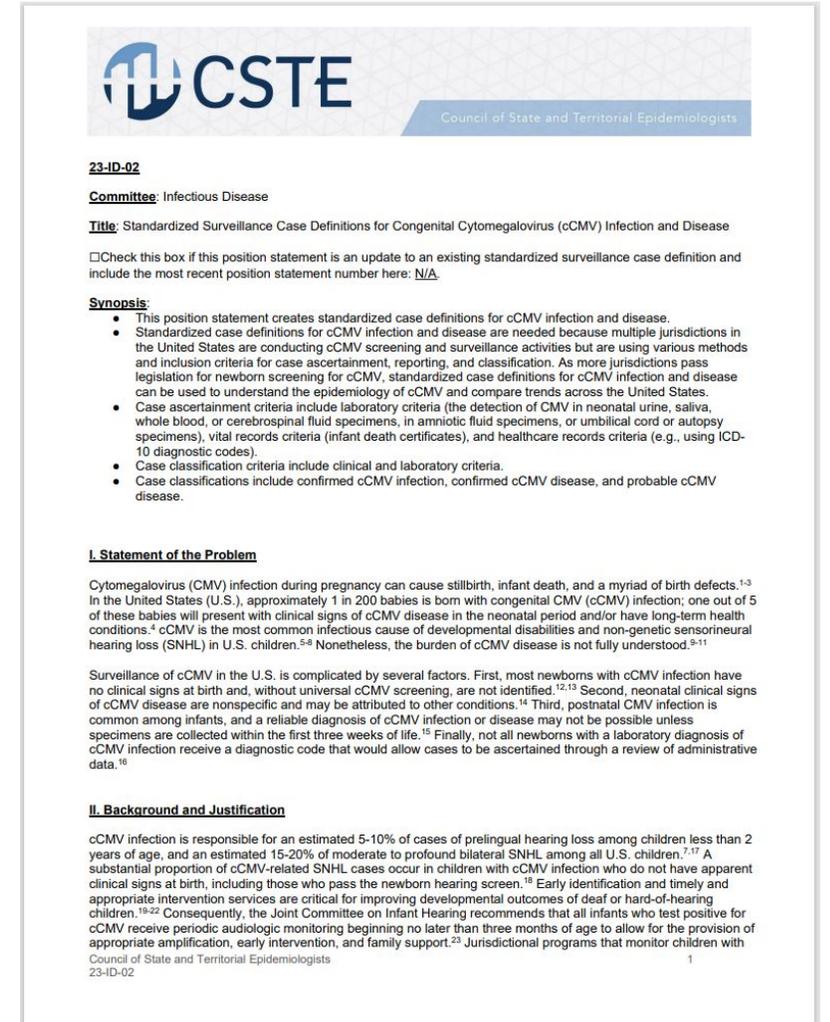
- cCMV is **not a nationally notifiable** condition
- Case ascertainment methods vary across states
  - Laboratory reports: 6 states
  - Diagnostic code reports: 2 states
  - Diagnostic code and clinical reports: 4 states



\*Since 2022, legislation for cCMV screening has been enacted in Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Maine with cCMV surveillance practices unknown 8

# cCMV CSTE Position Statement!

- 2023 CSTE Position Statement on cCMV responded to the need for a standardized definition for cCMV infection and disease:
  - “Multiple jurisdictions... are conducting cCMV screening activities but **are using various methods and inclusion criteria** for case ascertainment, reporting, and classification. As more jurisdictions pass legislation for newborn screening for cCMV, **standard case definitions**... can be used to understand the epidemiology of cCMV and compare trends across the United States.



The screenshot displays the official CSTE (Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists) position statement document. At the top, the CSTE logo is visible, consisting of a stylized 'C' and 'S' intertwined, followed by the text 'CSTE' and 'Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists'. Below the header, the document is titled '23-ID-02' and 'Committee: Infectious Disease'. The main title is 'Standardized Surveillance Case Definitions for Congenital Cytomegalovirus (cCMV) Infection and Disease'. A checkbox is present, which is currently unchecked, with the text: 'Check this box if this position statement is an update to an existing standardized surveillance case definition and include the most recent position statement number here: N/A'. The 'Synopsis' section contains a bulleted list of key points: 'This position statement creates standardized case definitions for cCMV infection and disease.', 'Standardized case definitions for cCMV infection and disease are needed because multiple jurisdictions in the United States are conducting cCMV screening and surveillance activities but are using various methods and inclusion criteria for case ascertainment, reporting, and classification. As more jurisdictions pass legislation for newborn screening for cCMV, standardized case definitions for cCMV infection and disease can be used to understand the epidemiology of cCMV and compare trends across the United States.', 'Case ascertainment criteria include laboratory criteria (the detection of CMV in neonatal urine, saliva, whole blood, or cerebrospinal fluid specimens, in amniotic fluid specimens, or umbilical cord or autopsy specimens), vital records criteria (infant death certificates), and healthcare records criteria (e.g., using ICD-10 diagnostic codes).', 'Case classification criteria include clinical and laboratory criteria.', and 'Case classifications include confirmed cCMV infection, confirmed cCMV disease, and probable cCMV disease.'. The document is divided into sections: 'I. Statement of the Problem' and 'II. Background and Justification'. The 'Statement of the Problem' section discusses the impact of cCMV infection during pregnancy, including stillbirth, infant death, and various birth defects, and notes that cCMV is a common infectious cause of developmental disabilities and non-genetic sensorineural hearing loss (SNHL) in U.S. children. The 'Background and Justification' section explains that cCMV infection is responsible for a significant portion of prelingual hearing loss and SNHL in children, and that early identification and intervention are critical for improving developmental outcomes. The document concludes with the CSTE logo and the text 'Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists' and '23-ID-02'.

# cCMV CSTE Position Statement

## Position Statement approved by the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) in June 2023:

- Regarded as standard for cCMV surveillance as of January 2024
- Position statement establishes:
  - Case ascertainment and case classification criteria

## Case classifications:

- **Confirmed cCMV infection:**
  - Meets confirmatory laboratory evidence
- **Confirmed cCMV disease:**
  - Meets clinical criteria *and* confirmed laboratory evidence
- **Probable cCMV disease:**
  - Meets clinical criteria *and* presumptive laboratory evidence



# cCMV CSTE Position Statement Laboratory Criteria

## A2. Laboratory Criteria\*

### Confirmatory Laboratory Evidence<sup>†</sup>:

- Absence of a negative test (CMV DNA by NAAT or culture) on a urine specimen collected within 21 days of life, **AND**
- Detection of CMV DNA by NAAT from urine, whole blood (including dried blood spot [DBS]), or cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) collected from an infant within 21 days of life, **OR**
- Detection of CMV DNA by NAAT from amniotic fluid specimen, **OR**
- Isolation of CMV in viral culture from urine, whole blood, or CSF collected from an infant within 21 days of life, **OR**
- Isolation of CMV in viral culture from amniotic fluid specimen, **OR**
- Demonstration of CMV antigen in an autopsy specimen by IHC, **OR**
- Detection of CMV antigen by antigenemia test in whole blood collected from an infant within 21 days of life.

### Presumptive Laboratory Evidence:

- Absence of a negative test (CMV DNA by NAAT or culture) on a urine specimen collected within 21 days of life, **AND**
- Detection of CMV DNA by NAAT from **saliva** collected from an infant within 42 days of life<sup>§</sup>, **OR**
- Isolation of CMV in viral culture from **saliva** collected from an infant within 42 days of life<sup>§</sup>, **OR**
- Detection of CMV DNA by NAAT from urine, whole blood, or CSF collected from an infant within **22–42** days of life<sup>¶</sup>, **OR**
- Isolation of CMV in viral culture from urine, whole blood, or CSF collected from an infant within 22–42 days of life<sup>¶</sup>.

\* Note: The categorical labels used here to stratify laboratory evidence are intended to support the standardization of case classifications for public health surveillance. The categorical labels should not be used to interpret the utility or validity of any laboratory test methodology.

<sup>†</sup> Only valid in the absence of a subsequent negative test on a urine specimen that was completed for confirmatory purposes.

<sup>§</sup> If CMV is detected in saliva, repeat testing should be performed using urine.

<sup>¶</sup> Only valid in the absence of a prior negative test on a urine specimen collected within 21 days of life.



# cCMV CSTE Position Statement



## Clinical criteria

- Hepatomegaly, splenomegaly, petechiae, or purpura identified in **neonatal period**

### **A child $\leq$ 6 yrs with at least one of the following permanent conditions:**

- Microcephaly
- Brain imaging abnormalities consistent with cCMV (e.g., intracranial calcifications, leukomalacia, polymicrogyria, lissencephaly, pachygyria, schizencephaly, or ventriculomegaly)
- *Sensorineural hearing loss*
- Seizures
- Cerebral palsy
- Chorioretinitis
- Vision impairment resulting from conditions consistent with cCMV (e.g., retinitis, retinal scarring, optic neuritis, optic atrophy, or cortical visual impairment)

# cCMV CSTE Position Statement



**Table VII.A. Classification Table: Criteria for defining a case of cCMV infection or disease.**

Criterion	Case Classification				
	cCMV Infection	cCMV Disease			
	Confirmed	Confirmed	Probable		
<i>Clinical Evidence</i>					
Hepatomegaly		O		O	
Splenomegaly		O		O	
Petechial rash or purpura ("blueberry muffin rash")		O		O	
Microcephaly <sup>††</sup>			O		O
Brain imaging abnormalities*			O		O
Sensorineural hearing loss			O		O
Seizures			O		O
Cerebral palsy			O		O
Chorioretinitis			O		O
Vision impairment <sup>¶</sup>			O		O
Absence of a more likely alternative etiology		N	N	N	N
Infant in neonatal period		N		N	
Child aged 6 years or younger			N		N
<i>Laboratory Evidence</i>					
Absence of a negative test (CMV DNA by NAAT or culture) on a urine specimen collected within 21 days of life	N	N	N	N	N
Detection of CMV DNA by NAAT from urine, whole blood (including DBS), or CSF collected within 21 days of life	O	O	O		
Detection of CMV DNA by NAAT from amniotic fluid specimen	O	O	O		
Isolation of CMV in viral culture from urine, whole blood, or CSF collected within 21 days of life	O	O	O		
Isolation of CMV in viral culture from amniotic fluid specimen	O	O	O		
Demonstration of CMV antigen in an autopsy specimen by IHC	O	O	O		
Detection of CMV antigen by antigenemia test in whole blood collected within 21 days of life	O	O	O		
Detection of CMV DNA by NAAT from saliva collected within 42 days of life <sup>§</sup>				O	O
Isolation of CMV in viral culture from saliva collected within 42 days of life <sup>§</sup>				O	O
Detection of CMV DNA by NAAT from urine, whole blood or CSF collected at 22–42 days of life				O	O
Isolation of CMV in viral culture from urine, whole blood, or CSF collected within 22–42 days of life				O	O
<i>Epidemiologic Linkage Evidence</i>					
N/A					

**N** = All "N" criteria in the same column are NECESSARY to classify a case.

**O** = At least one of these "O" (ONE OR MORE) criteria in each category (categories=clinical evidence, laboratory evidence, and epidemiologic evidence) in the same column—in conjunction with all "N" criteria in the same column—is required to classify a case.

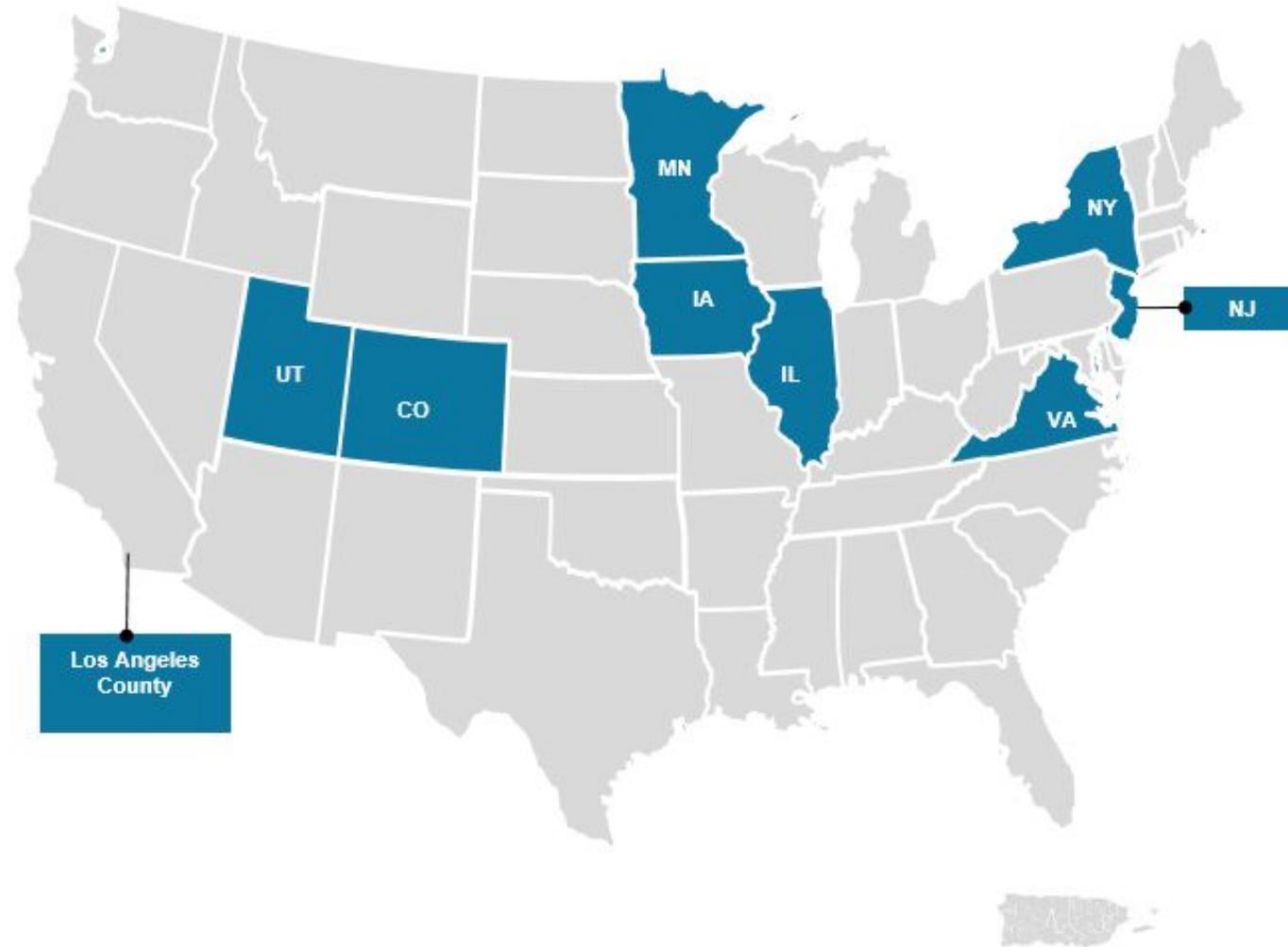


# **Surveillance for Emerging Threats to Mothers and Babies Network (SET-NET)**

# What is Surveillance for Emerging Threats to Mothers and Babies Network (SET-NET)?



# SET-NET Jurisdictions Funded for CMV



# Tiered Approach



- Focus on case ascertainment methods, data linkages, data analysis and dissemination, and implementation of findings at local or state level



- Build upon Tier 1 strategies and activities
- Conduct population-based surveillance and submit line level data to CDC
- Focus on medical record abstraction and completeness



- Build upon Tier 1 and 2 strategies and activities
- In collaboration with CDC, provide technical assistance to Tier 1 and 2 recipients

# SET-NET Inclusion Criteria

- Meet the CSTE cCMV case definition
  - Confirmed infection
  - Confirmed disease
  - Probable disease
- Reside in a participating SET-NET jurisdiction AND
- Have a birthdate no earlier than January 1, 2013, and no later than December 31, 2026

# SET-NET Data Sources



Vital records



Electronic laboratory reporting



Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI)



Birth defects registries



Birth medical records



Well child visit medical records (2, 6, 12, 18, 24, and 36 months)

# SET-NET Key Questions for cCMV



## Surveillance Methods

- Current landscape and changes in surveillance methods during project period
- Implementation challenges and best practices for cCMV case definition



## Pregnancy

- Description of CMV diagnoses in pregnancy and types/timing of testing



## Birth outcomes

- Full range of adverse birth outcomes among exposed infants
- Frequency of clinical characteristics among those with confirmed infection



## Infant/child outcomes

- Patterns of loss to follow up
- Patterns of and disparities in recommended follow up and treatment

# Audience feedback



What are your jurisdictions currently doing/planning on doing in cCMV surveillance?



# **The cCMV Surveillance Experience: New Jersey, Utah, and Minnesota**

# cCMV surveillance in New Jersey

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# cCMV Legislation for Universal Screening

Public Law 2021, c.413 was passed on January 18, 2022

## **C.26:2-111.9**

- "All infants born in this State shall be tested for congenital cytomegalovirus infection (cCMV), unless an infant's parent or legal guardian opts out of testing..."

## **C.26:2-111.10**

- "The Commissioner of Health shall establish a public awareness campaign to educate pregnant persons about cytomegalovirus (CMV) and cCMV and the value of early detection of, interventions for, and possible treatments for, CMV and cCMV."

# Status of cCMV Screening Implementation

**Legislation for universal cCMV screening is conditional**, meaning that screening is to begin within **six months** of meeting the following conditions:

- Development of a reliable test and quality assurance testing methodology
- Availability of quality assurance materials
- Inclusion of newborn screening for cCMV in the Recommended Uniform Screening Panel
- Recommendation by the Newborn Screening Advisory Review Committee that the test be included in the State Newborn Screening Program
- Commissioner of Health's approval to include the test in the State's Newborn Screening Program
- Acquisition of equipment necessary to implement the expanded screening tests by the State's Newborn Screening Laboratory

# cCMV Targeted Screening

- Encouraged through NJDOH Best Practices Document (Feb 2025)
  - Testing methodology
  - Timing of testing
  - Clinical indications for testing
  - Procedural considerations
- 23 of 50 birthing facilities conduct targeted screening, 6 are in the process of adding a CMV screening policy
- cCMV is a registrable condition under the NJ Birth Defects Registry

# cCMV Surveillance in New Jersey

- Started through SET-NET in 2023, under Division of Family Health Services, Special Child Health Services
- Data sources for suspected cases:
  1. Birth Defects Registry (BDR)
  2. Birth certificates (VERI) - CMV checkbox
  3. Uniform Billing data for birth admissions
  4. EHDI - TORCH Testing risk code
- 2018-2025 Births: Investigated 235 cases, 76 met CSTE criteria for cCMV

## Congenital Infections

- Congenital Cytomegalovirus (CMV) infection
- Congenital Herpes
- Congenital Rubella
- Congenital Syphilis (treated)
- Congenital Toxoplasmosis
- Culture Proven or Confirmed Infection/Sepsis
- Meningitis-Bacterial
- Meningitis- All other forms

VERI Congenital Infection Section

# cCMV Case Ascertainment Methods

**BDR** - Dx code  
P35.1 or B25.x

**UB** - Dx code P35.1  
or B25.x

**VERI** - cCMV  
checkbox

**EHDI** - TORCH  
code

Request medical records under BDR Public Health  
Authority

RNs review per CSTE Definition

Case Excluded

Case Included for SET-NET &  
conduct infant follow up

# cCMV Surveillance: Infant Follow Up

## Short-Term

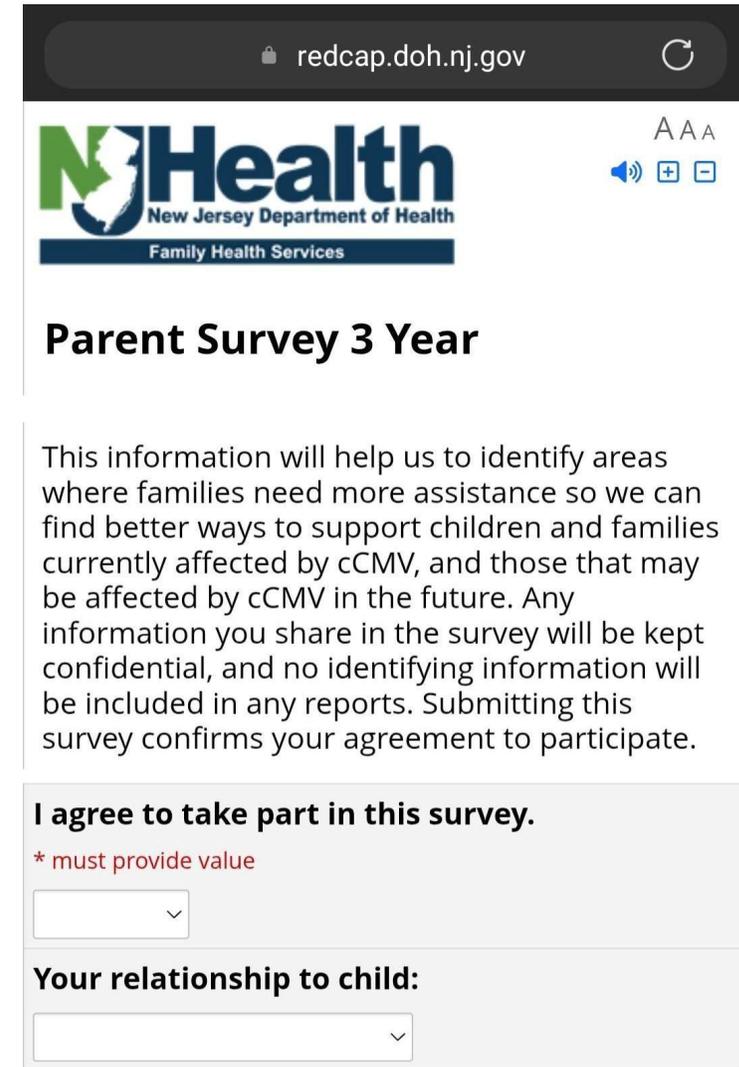
- Up to age 3 through well-child visits
- Follows SET-NET data collection format
- “Next steps” letter to PCP if case was identified by 6 months of age

## Long-Term

- Up to age 6 through yearly parent surveys

# Long-Term Follow-Up Parent Survey

- Participation in the Parent Survey is voluntary.
- Participation is solicited through personalized telephone outreach by program staff.
- Families interested in participating can complete the survey over the phone with a live person or online (using a computer or smartphone)
- Surveys aim to learn about the parent/family experience and perspective



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL redcap.doh.nj.gov. The page features the NJ Health logo (New Jersey Department of Health, Family Health Services) and the title "Parent Survey 3 Year". Below the title is a paragraph of text explaining the survey's purpose and confidentiality. The form includes a required dropdown menu for "I agree to take part in this survey." and another dropdown menu for "Your relationship to child:".

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**NJ Health**  
New Jersey Department of Health  
Family Health Services

### Parent Survey 3 Year

This information will help us to identify areas where families need more assistance so we can find better ways to support children and families currently affected by cCMV, and those that may be affected by cCMV in the future. Any information you share in the survey will be kept confidential, and no identifying information will be included in any reports. Submitting this survey confirms your agreement to participate.

**I agree to take part in this survey.**  
\* must provide value

**Your relationship to child:**

# Challenges

- Many missed cases
  - Case ascertainment is slow and reliant on BDR registration by hospital staff
- Complexity of cCMV cases and challenges with appropriate categorization according to CSTE criteria
- Low response rate for parent survey
- Challenges for NBS lab to add CMV to bloodspot panel

# Lessons Learned

What do we wish we knew when starting surveillance?

- How to optimize our data collection/case ascertainment process
- How to categorize cases according to CSTE criteria (especially probable cases)
- Plan to communicate with infectious disease doctors, neonatologists, pediatricians



# New Jersey Q&A

# cCMV surveillance in Utah

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# cCMV testing in Utah

2013: Utah CMV law 26-10-10 (recoded 7/1/2022: **26B-7-105**)  
“Cytomegalovirus (CMV) Public Education and **Testing**”

If a newborn infant **fails the newborn hearing screening test(s)**...

**Medical Practitioner shall: *Test the newborn infant for CMV before 21 days of age***... unless the parent objects;...



# cCMV testing in Utah

2013: Utah CMV rule

## **R398-4-3. Clarification of when a newborn fails a hearing screen.**

- The newborn **must fail both hearing screens**, the initial hearing screen routinely done at birth **and** the subsequent follow up screen, **OR**
- **if/when the initial failed hearing screen is obtained after 14 days of age** the medical practitioner is required to test for CMV, **OR**
- The newborn must be referred for CMV testing if they have failed an inpatient screening and have not completed or been able to complete the outpatient screening before 14 days of age.

# cCMV testing in Utah

2013: Utah CMV rule

## **R398-4-4. Special population of newborns.**

- In special populations of newborns where newborn hearing screening(s) cannot be accomplished prior to 21 days of age, **testing for CMV is left to the discretion of the medical practitioner(s) caring for the newborn.**
- Special populations of newborns may include, but are not limited to, premature or medically fragile newborns or newborns receiving ongoing medical care.



# cCMV surveillance in Utah



2013: Utah CMV rule

## **R398-4-5.Reporting requirements.**

- Medical practitioners are **required to submit results of the CMV testing to the Department** for each newborn under their care who is referred for CMV testing **within ten days** of receiving results.
- **Laboratories** testing for the presence of congenital CMV must submit results of the CMV testing to the Department **within ten days** of receiving results.

# cCMV surveillance in Utah



Late 2013: CMV results module in EHDl (Early Hearing Detection and Intervention) database

A screenshot of a web-based form titled "Add Lab Testing Entry". The form is enclosed in a light grey border with a close button in the top right corner. It contains several input fields: "Stage" is a dropdown menu set to "Laboratory Testing"; "Type" is a dropdown menu set to "CMV - Urine"; "Result" is a dropdown menu set to "Detected"; "Physician" is a dropdown menu set to "BANK, STACEY - DHHS EHDl"; "Date" is a date picker set to "7-9-2025"; "Facility" is a dropdown menu set to "UTAH VALLEY HOSPIT."; and "Notes" is a text input field. There are also two small dropdown menus with "00" selected. A checkmark icon is located in the bottom right corner of the form area.

# cCMV surveillance in Utah

## 2015: R396-702. Communicable Disease Rule.

(7) Laboratory results reportable by electronic reporters are as follows:

(a) In addition to laboratory results set forth in Subsections R386-702-3(2) through R386-702-3(6), entities reporting electronically shall include the following laboratory results or laboratory results that provide presumptive evidence of the following communicable diseases:

(i) influenza virus;

(ii) norovirus infection;

(iii) *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, resistant to a carbapenem, or with demonstrated carbapenemase production;

(iv) *Staphylococcus aureus* from a normally sterile site with methicillin testing performed, reported as either methicillin-susceptible *Staphylococcus aureus* (MSSA) or methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA); and

(v) Streptococcal disease, invasive due to all species.

(b) Entities reporting electronically shall include any laboratory results including positive, negative, equivocal, indeterminate, associated with the following tests or conditions:

(i) CD4+ T-Lymphocyte tests, regardless of known HIV status;

(ii) chlamydia;

(iii) *Clostridium difficile*;

(iv) novel coronavirus COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2), including IgM and IgG serology;

(v) cytomegalovirus (CMV), congenital (infants less than or equal to 12 months of age);

(vi) gonorrhea;

(vii) hepatitis A;

(viii) hepatitis B, including viral loads;

(ix) hepatitis C, including viral loads;

(x) HIV, including viral loads and confirmatory tests;

# cCMV surveillance in Utah

## Rule R398-4 updates:

**R398-4-3.** (4) The Department may make **referrals to help coordinate care and provide resources** for the affected child and their family.

### **R398-4-6. CMV Registry.**

Pursuant to Section 26B-7-105, the Department shall maintain a database of infants tested as well as a **Positive Congenital CMV Registry** that contains results, demographics, symptomology, specialist services, long-term outcomes, and other items as deemed necessary.

### **R398-4-7. Confidentiality of Reported Information.**

(1) The confidentiality of personal information obtained under this rule shall be maintained pursuant to Title 26B, Chapter 8, Part 4 Health Statistics. The reports are confidential and are not open to public inspection.

(2) Pursuant to Section 26B-1-229, **persons who report information covered by this rule may not be held liable for reporting the information to the Department.**

# cCMV surveillance in Utah

## **R398-2. Newborn Hearing Screening: Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Program.**

**R398-2-6.** (4) The Department shall have access to infants' medical, diagnostic, amplification, implantation, and early intervention records to obtain information necessary to ensure the provision of timely and appropriate follow-up diagnostic and intervention services, **including CMV testing results and follow-up, congenital CMV sequelae, treatments, and anything else deemed necessary to determine long-term outcomes.**

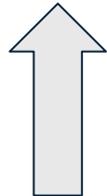
# cCMV surveillance in Utah

## R398-5. Birth Defects and Critical Congenital Heart Disease Reporting.

### R398-5-2. Definitions.

As used in this rule:

(1) "Birth defect" means any medical disorder of organ structure, function, or biochemistry that is of possible genetic or prenatal origin. This includes any congenital anomaly, indication of hypoxia or genetic metabolic disorder listed in the ICD-10, International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, established by the World Health Organization, with any of the following diagnostic codes: A92.5, E03, E25, from E70 to E90, from D55 to D58, H90.0 to H90.8, H90.A, H91.0 to H91.9, J96.00 to J96.91, P09, P35.1, P35.4, P96.1 to P96.2 and from Q00 to Q99.



Congenital CMV infection code  
added in 2019

# cCMV surveillance in Utah

## DSA with Vital Records:

Were there any maternal infections antepartum during pregnancy or at delivery? (check all applicable)

Cytomegalovirus  Chlamydia  Group B Strep +  Herpes+ (HSV) (active lesions)

Hepatitis A  Hepatitis B  Hepatitis B not found

Gonorrhea  Hepatitis C  Syphilis  HIV/AIDS

None  Unknown

Parent 1 tested for hepatitis B by a healthcare provider during this pregnancy?  Yes  No  Unknown

### Obstetric procedures

Were there any obstetric procedures?

None  Cervical ripening  External cephalic version  Successful version  Failed version

Unknown version

DHHS-OVRS-105 January 2024 Page 3 of 3 **Maternal Care Worksheet**



Mother's current legal name (first, middle, last): Date of last period (LMP) mm/dd/yyyy ___/___/___	Utah licensed physician and/or CMN:
<b>Prenatal care history</b> <input type="radio"/> No prenatal care Was the prenatal care record used to gather prenatal care history? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No Date of first prenatal care visit: mm/dd/yyyy ___/___/___ Date of last prenatal care visit: mm/dd/yyyy ___/___/___ Total number of prenatal care visits for this pregnancy: _____ <input type="radio"/> No previous live births (if none, enter "0")	<b>Method of delivery</b> A. Was delivery with forceps attempted but unsuccessful? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No B. Fetal presentation at delivery <input type="radio"/> Cephalic <input type="radio"/> Breech <input type="radio"/> Other C. Final route and method of delivery (check one) <input type="radio"/> Vaginal/spontaneous <input type="radio"/> Vaginal/vacuum <input type="radio"/> Vaginal/forceps <input type="radio"/> Cesarean: If cesarean, was a trial of labor attempted? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No D. Hysterotomy/hysterectomy <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
<b>Pregnancy history</b> Live births now living ___ (do not include this child) Live births now dead ___ (do not include this child) Date of last live birth mm/dd/yyyy ___/___/___ <b>Number of other terminations</b> <input type="radio"/> None (Spontaneous or induced losses or ectopic pregnancies) 00-15 weeks _____ 16-19 weeks _____ 20 weeks or more _____ Total # of terminations _____ Date of last termination ___/___/___	<b>Maternal morbidity</b> (complications associated with labor and delivery) Check all that apply: <input type="radio"/> 01 Maternal transfusion <input type="radio"/> 02 Third or fourth degree perineal laceration <input type="radio"/> 03 Ruptured uterus <input type="radio"/> 04 Unplanned hysterectomy <input type="radio"/> 05 Admission to intensive care unit <input type="radio"/> 06 Unplanned operating room procedure following delivery <input type="radio"/> None of the above
<b>Mother transferred for maternal medical or fetal indications for delivery?</b> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No If yes, name of facility and state: <b>Mother transferred to hospital from an attempted home birth?</b> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Postpartum (within 24 hrs of delivery) <input type="radio"/> Unknown	Weight of fetus: _____ grams AND _____ lbs. _____ oz. <input type="radio"/> Single (1) <input type="radio"/> Twin (2) <input type="radio"/> etc. _____ (specify) If not single, birth order: _____ Obstetric estimate of gestation at delivery: _____ (completed weeks)
<b>Medical risk factors</b> (check all that apply) Diabetes <input type="radio"/> Pre pregnancy (diagnosis prior to this pregnancy) Gestational diabetes during this pregnancy (per parental worksheet) <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> No response/no worksheet Gestational diabetes confirmed in mother's chart <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> No prenatal care record available Where was GDM information found _____ GDM found other _____ Hypertension <input type="radio"/> Pre pregnancy (CHTN) (chronic) <input type="radio"/> Gestational (PIH, preeclampsia, eclampsia) <input type="radio"/> Previous preterm birth (36 weeks or less) <input type="radio"/> Other previous poor pregnancy outcome (includes perinatal deaths, small for gestational age/intrauterine growth restricted birth) <input type="radio"/> Vaginal bleeding during this pregnancy before the onset of labor <input type="radio"/> Pregnancy resulted from infertility treatment (if yes, check all that apply) <input type="radio"/> Fertility enhancing drugs, artificial insemination, or intrauterine insemination <input type="radio"/> Assisted reproductive technology (in vitro fertilization (IVF), gamete intrafallopian transfer (GIFT)) <input type="radio"/> Mother had a previous cesarean delivery. If yes, how many? ____ <input type="radio"/> None of the above	<b>Stillborn medical screens 1 &amp; 2 - Fetal anomalies</b> (check all that apply) <input type="radio"/> 01 Anencephaly <input type="radio"/> 02 Meningocele/spina bifida <input type="radio"/> 03 Hydrocephalus <input type="radio"/> 04 Microcephalus <input type="radio"/> 05 Other central nervous system anomalies (specify) _____ <input type="radio"/> 06 Cyanotic congenital heart disease (specify) _____ <input type="radio"/> 07 Tracheo-esophageal fistula/esophageal atresia <input type="radio"/> 08 Omphalocele <input type="radio"/> 09 Gastroschisis <input type="radio"/> 10 Other gastrointestinal (specify) _____ <input type="radio"/> 11 Urinary system anomalies (specify) _____ <input type="radio"/> 12 Cleft lip with cleft palate <input type="radio"/> 13 Cleft palate alone <input type="radio"/> 14 Limb reduction defects (excludes amputation and dwarfing syndromes) <input type="radio"/> 15 Other limb anomalies (specify) _____ <input type="radio"/> 16 Diaphragmatic hernia <input type="radio"/> 17 Other musculoskeletal anomalies (specify) _____ <input type="radio"/> 18 Down syndrome <input type="radio"/> Karyotype confirmed <input type="radio"/> Karyotype pending <input type="radio"/> 19 Chromosomal anomalies <input type="radio"/> Karyotype confirmed (specify) _____ <input type="radio"/> Karyotype pending <input type="radio"/> 20 Hypospadias <input type="radio"/> 21 Other anomalies not listed above (specify) _____ <input type="radio"/> 22 Unknown <input type="radio"/> None
<b>Infections present and/or treated during this pregnancy</b> (check all that apply) <input type="radio"/> 01 Gonorrhea <input type="radio"/> 02 Syphilis <input type="radio"/> 03 Herpes simplex virus (HSV) <input type="radio"/> 04 Chlamydia <input type="radio"/> 05 Listeria <input type="radio"/> 06 Group B streptococcus (GBS+) <input type="radio"/> 07 Cytomegalovirus <input type="radio"/> 08 Parvo virus <input type="radio"/> 09 Toxoplasmosis <input type="radio"/> 00 None of the above <input type="radio"/> Other (specify) _____	



# cCMV testing in Utah - expansion

**2013-2016:** Hearing-targeted

**2016-2019:** High-risk targeted (symptom) testing recommended in Intermountain Healthcare NICUs

**Fall 2019:** High-risk targeted testing standard practice in all Intermountain facilities

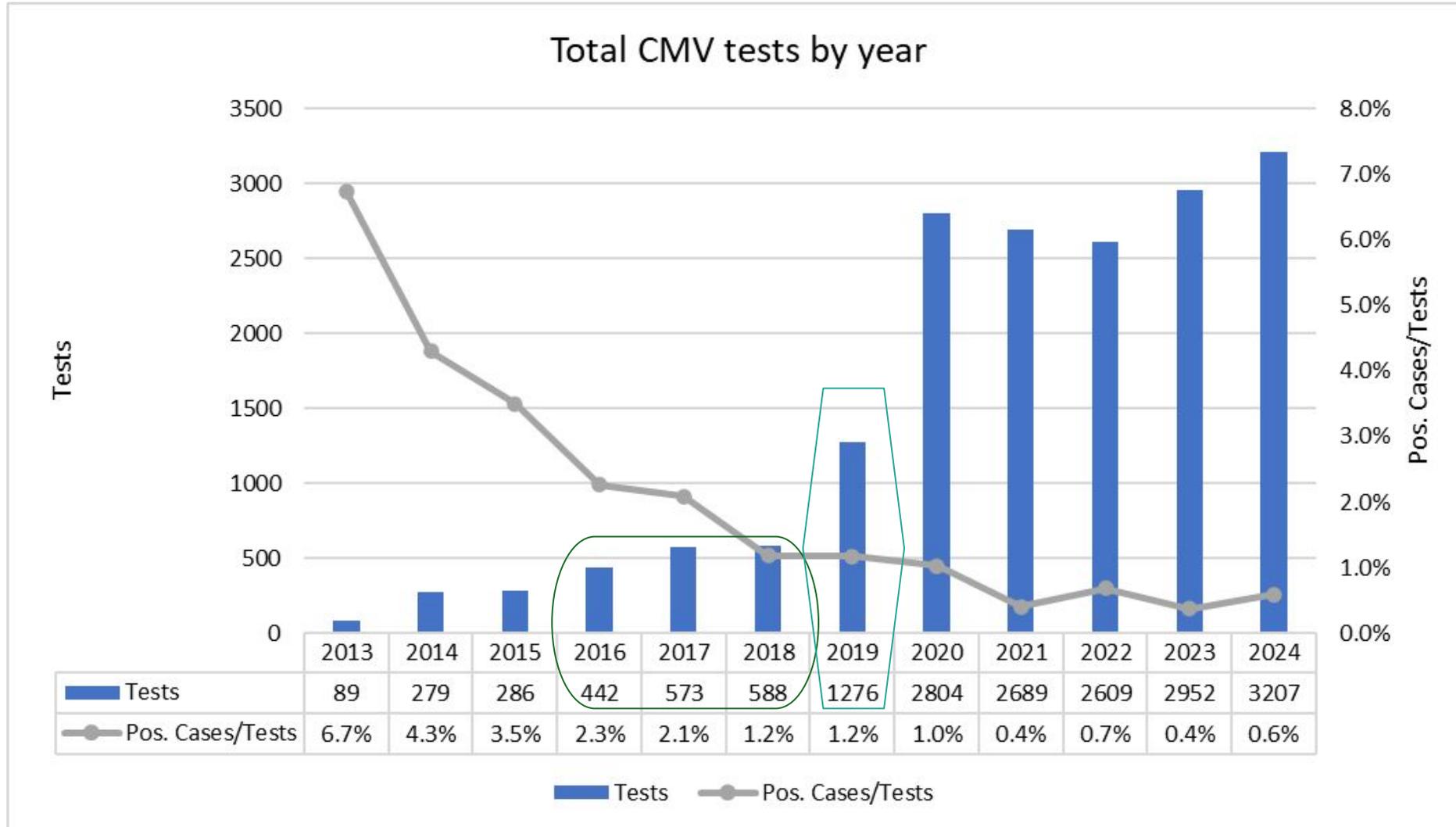
## If any of the following present:

- 1) Mother positive for CMV infection during pregnancy
- 2) Abnormal head size (OFC <10<sup>th</sup> %ile OR >90<sup>th</sup> %ile at birth)
- 3) Intrauterine growth restriction (weight <10<sup>th</sup> %ile for gestational age)
- 4) Unexplained hydrops
- 5) Intracranial OR intraabdominal calcifications on first imaging exam
- 6) Unexplained hepatomegaly OR splenomegaly (>1 cm below the right or left costal margin)
- 7) AST or ALT >100 U/L OR unexplained direct bilirubin >1.0 mg/dL
- 8) Petechial rash or blueberry muffin rash at any time
- 9) Leukomalacia, polymicrogyria, lissencephaly, pachygyria, schizencephaly
- 10) Unexplained persistent thrombocytopenia (platelets < 100k/mm<sup>3</sup>)
- 11) Failed hearing screen

## Send urine CMV PCR

(obtain by 21 days of life when possible)

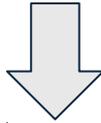
# cCMV testing in Utah



# cCMV surveillance in Utah

**2013** - Me

**2015** - CMV data coordinator - PT (SLP/AUD)



**2019** - CMV data coordinator / EHDI epidemiologist - FT



**2022** - CMV epidemiologist (SET-NET) - FT



Jacinda Merrill, MPH, CHES



Max Sidesinger, MPH (2021)

# cCMV surveillance in Utah

## **CMV data coordinator / EHDI epidemiologist - FT**

- Conducts CMV surveillance through electronic lab reporting - weekly reports
- Ensures adherence to universal newborn hearing screening targeted CMV testing through assistance and education to providers, caregivers, and laboratories
- Improves data quality and completeness for CMV laboratory, clinical, and demographic information using medical record abstraction and establishment of new data linkages
- Analyzes CMV and early hearing data and provide results and takeaways to relevant stakeholders

# cCMV surveillance in Utah

## **CMV epidemiologist (SET-NET) - FT**

- Abstracts data from electronic medical records of children who have tested positive for CMV within the first year of life (and all confirmed/probable/suspect cases)
- Determines if a positive case meets cCMV case classification criteria based on CMV test results and abstraction efforts
- Maintains Utah's cCMV registry and performs analysis on confirmed and probable cCMV cases
- Sends letters to primary care providers, OBs, and parents of newly diagnosed cases to notify of diagnosis, provide information and resources for cCMV
- Participates in outreach opportunities, such as creating and disseminating materials (i.e. rack cards, handouts, social media posts) to spread awareness of cCMV

# cCMV resources in Utah



Dear (Parent name),

Congratulations on the birth of your new baby! As part of Utah's goal to improve the health outcomes of Utah babies, we screen babies for congenital Cytomegalovirus (CMV) if they meet certain criteria. Because your baby \_\_\_\_\_, he/she had testing done on (date) on (urine/saliva) looking for congenital CMV.

Your baby's testing came back **POSITIVE**, meaning there is evidence for a congenital CMV infection. We will also notify your primary care provider (name of provider, phone #) of these results. CMV is the most common viral infection that infants are born with in the US. About 1 in 150 babies are born with congenital CMV each year (30,000 - 40,000 babies). Ninety percent of babies with a congenital CMV infection will not show any signs or symptoms at birth; however, they are at risk for delayed hearing loss and other health problems.

Because congenital CMV related hearing loss and other health problems may be delayed, it is important to follow up with all recommended testing and services. The additional evaluations for your baby include:

- Diagnostic audiological evaluation ASAP, if not done already, with frequent monitoring of hearing;
- Referral to an infectious disease physician;
- Referral to an ENT;
- Referral to a pediatric ophthalmologist;
- Referral to early intervention services.

We know that this diagnosis and additional evaluations are overwhelming to say the least. To help with this follow-up process, one very helpful resource is the **multi-disciplinary cCMV clinic at Primary Children's Hospital**, facilitated by Albert Park, MD. This clinic includes an expert team of specialists that provide consultation, the evaluations listed above, treatment as needed, follow-up, and support to cCMV babies, families, and their providers. The cCMV clinic phone number is 801-662-1705.

We can also refer babies with congenital CMV and/or hearing loss to Utah's **Baby Watch early intervention program**, [familyhealth.utah.gov/oc/baby-watch-early-intervention](http://familyhealth.utah.gov/oc/baby-watch-early-intervention). This program provides early identification and developmental monitoring services for



infants and toddlers (ages birth to 3 years of age) that have or are at risk for disability or developmental delay.

Since we feel it is important for parents to be empowered by information, we wanted to include our website, [familyhealth.utah.gov/cmvmv](http://familyhealth.utah.gov/cmvmv), where you can find more information about CMV. Additionally, one of the best ways to gain useful information is through parents sharing with other parents. We have included information on the National CMV Foundation [www.nationalcmv.org/](http://www.nationalcmv.org/). This organization was developed by parents and for parents. Lastly, if you would like to be connected to other Utah parents who have a baby with congenital CMV or if you have any unanswered questions, please feel free to contact us at 801-273-6600 or [cmv@utah.gov](mailto:cmv@utah.gov).

We want you to feel supported while you navigate your baby's congenital CMV infection and care. Please let us know how we can help.

Best regards,  
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Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI)  
Street Address: 195 N 1950 W • Salt Lake City, UT 84116  
Telephone: (801) 273-6600 • Fax: (801) 536-0492  
Websites: [familyhealth.utah.gov/ehdi](http://familyhealth.utah.gov/ehdi)  
[familyhealth.utah.gov/cmvmv](http://familyhealth.utah.gov/cmvmv)

## Your baby has cCMV, now what?

A baby with congenital cytomegalovirus (cCMV) requires additional evaluations and testing. Even without symptoms, the following are recommended:



### Referral to a pediatric audiologist

Even if your child passed their newborn hearing screen, they should receive a diagnostic audiological evaluation as soon as possible. This needs to be conducted by an audiologist who has expertise in testing infants. They should have regular and frequent monitoring throughout their childhood. If a change in hearing is suspected, hearing testing needs to be conducted immediately. Following these guidelines is important because cCMV can cause a late onset



### cCMV clinic at Primary Children's

We know that this diagnosis and additional evaluations may be overwhelming. The cCMV clinic at Primary Children's Hospital offers a follow-up process that includes an expert team of specialists to provide consultation, required evaluations, treatment as needed, follow-up, and coordination services for babies and families affected by cCMV. The cCMV clinic phone number is 801-662-1705.

### Early intervention services

These services evaluate and help your child in various areas of development. Utah's Baby Watch Early Intervention Program (BWEIP) provides early identification and developmental monitoring from birth to 3 years for children that have, or are at risk for, disability or developmental delays. Because cCMV can cause development delays, your child qualifies for early intervention services. Anyone can refer a child to BWEIP at: [familyhealth.utah.gov/oc/baby-watch-early-intervention](http://familyhealth.utah.gov/oc/baby-watch-early-intervention).



### Additional parent resources

[familyhealth.utah.gov/cmvmv](http://familyhealth.utah.gov/cmvmv)

National CMV Foundation: [nationalcmv.org](http://nationalcmv.org)



If you would like to be connected to other Utah parents who have a baby with congenital CMV or if you have any unanswered questions, please feel free to contact us at 801-273-6600 or [cmv@utah.gov](mailto:cmv@utah.gov).

EARLY HEARING DETECTION AND INTERVENTION (EHDI)  
Mailing Address: PO Box 144620 • Salt Lake City UT 84114-4620  
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# cCMV resources in UT



## Congenital cytomegalovirus

Congenital cytomegalovirus (cCMV) is the most common viral infection that infants are born with in the U.S. and can result in brain damage, hearing and/or vision loss, developmental delays, and on rare occasion, death.

According to [Utah's CMV legislation](#), if a newborn fails their initial and follow-up hearing screen, or just their initial hearing screen after 14 days of age, they need to be tested for cCMV.

In addition to testing based on hearing screening results, most Utah hospitals also test for cCMV if the infant has certain risk factors, such as petechiae, microcephaly or low birthweight. For more information, contact [cmv@utah.gov](mailto:cmv@utah.gov) or 801-273-6600.

## What to do with a positive case

Infected infants should receive follow-up care as soon as possible. Infected infants could have immediate, delayed, or progressive concerns and may benefit from anti-viral treatment.

Follow-up includes:

- Diagnostic audiological evaluation;
- Referral to an infectious disease specialist;
- Referral to an otolaryngologist (ENT);
- Referral to a pediatric ophthalmologist;
- Referral to a neurologist;
- Referral to early intervention ([familyhealth.utah.gov/oec/baby-watch-early-intervention/](http://familyhealth.utah.gov/oec/baby-watch-early-intervention/)).

## cCMV clinic

The cCMV clinic at Primary Children's Hospital offers an integrated follow-up process. This clinic provides consultation, evaluation, treatment as needed, specialist coordination for babies and families affected by cCMV, and support to their providers. **When you receive notice of a positive case, please reach out to the cCMV clinic at 801-662-1705.**

## Resources

- Utah CMV public health initiative: [cmv@utah.gov](mailto:cmv@utah.gov), 801-273-6600, [familyhealth.utah.gov/cmvmv](http://familyhealth.utah.gov/cmvmv)

## Cytomegalovirus



## What you NEED TO KNOW about CMV

For those who are pregnant  
or planning to become  
pregnant

## El citomegalovirus



## Lo que debe saber sobre el CMV

Para mujeres embarazadas  
o que planean quedar  
embarazadas

# Challenges

- Originally, not getting all lab results (dependent on provider/lab faxing to us) - overcome through ELR, access to EMRs
- Pushback - overcome through education and partnership
- Started everything from scratch - did best and pivoted as we went along :)

# Successes

- Mandate brought top of mind awareness and evolution of testing over time (increased)
- Mentoring others, helping to increase testing in US
- SET-NET for cCMV

# Lessons learned

- Just dive in and do your best
- Communication, education, partnerships
- Be consistent with your surveillance (definitions and follow-up)



# Utah Q&A

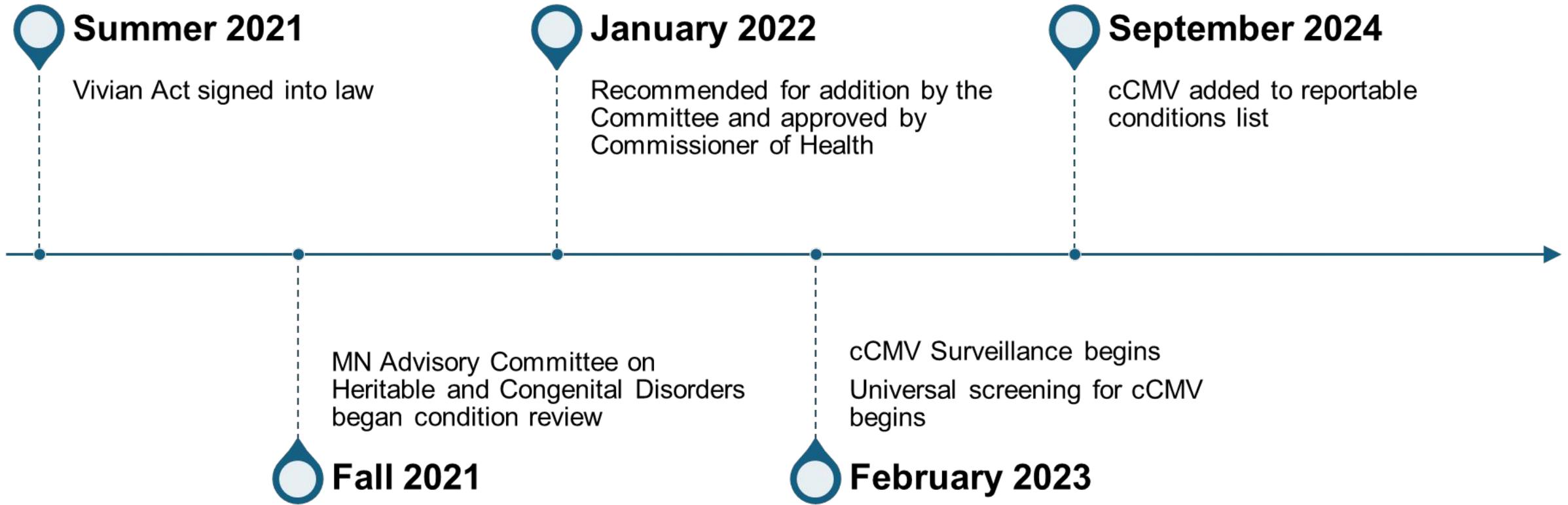
# cCMV surveillance in Minnesota

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Lexie Barber, MPH



# cCMV Surveillance in Minnesota



# Case Ascertainment

- Universal screening – majority of cases
- Reportable condition
  - Health care providers, labs, etc required to report ([electronic reporting form and ELR](#))

# Data Sources

- Newborn Screening (NBS)
- MDH EHDI
- MDH Birth Defects
- Vital records data - birth and death records
- Chart abstractions

## Congenital Cytomegalovirus Reporting Form

Congenital cytomegalovirus (cCMV) must be reported to MDH within one working day.

Case Definition: Cytomegalovirus (CMV) detected by nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT) or culture, or by antigen testing, on any specimen source, excluding dried blood, from an infant less than or equal to 90 days of age.

### Patient information

Patient first name:

\* must provide value

Patient last name:

\* must provide value

Date of birth:

\* must provide value

  Today M-D-Y

Sex:

\* must provide value

Address

City

State

Zip

Parent/guardian phone number

\* must provide value

Mother's name:

\* must provide value

Mother's date of birth:

  M-D-Y

Birth hospital:

\* must provide value

### Reason for testing:

(Select all that apply)

- Referred on hearing screen or diagnosed with hearing loss
- Mother tested positive for CMV during pregnancy
- Symptomatic
- NICU
- Positive on NBS blood spot
- Other:

Specimen collection date:

\* must provide value

  Today M-D-Y

Age (days) at time of specimen collection

This is an automatically calculated field

Ordering facility:

\* must provide value

Specimen type:

\* must provide value

- Dried blood spot
- Urine
- Saliva
- CSF
- Blood (whole blood, serum, or plasma)
- Other -

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Results:

\* must provide value

- CMV Detected (Positive)
- CMV Not Detected (Negative)
- Indeterminate

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Performing laboratory

\* must provide value

Primary care clinic:

\* must provide value

# cCMV in the Minnesota Department of Health

## Public Health Lab Division

*Newborn Screening Program*

Confirmation of blood spot positives

Short term follow up



## Child and Family Health Division

*Children and Youth with Special Health Needs*

Longitudinal surveillance

Non NBS cases

SETNET Case reporting



# Minnesota Process

## NBS cases -

- Genetic counselors provide just in time education to provider
- Recommends collection of urine CMV PCR by 21 days of age

## Recommend -

- Lab testing - AST/ALT, complete blood count
- Audiology exam with monitoring
- Ophthalmology
- Brain imaging
- Developmental assessment and referral to Early intervention

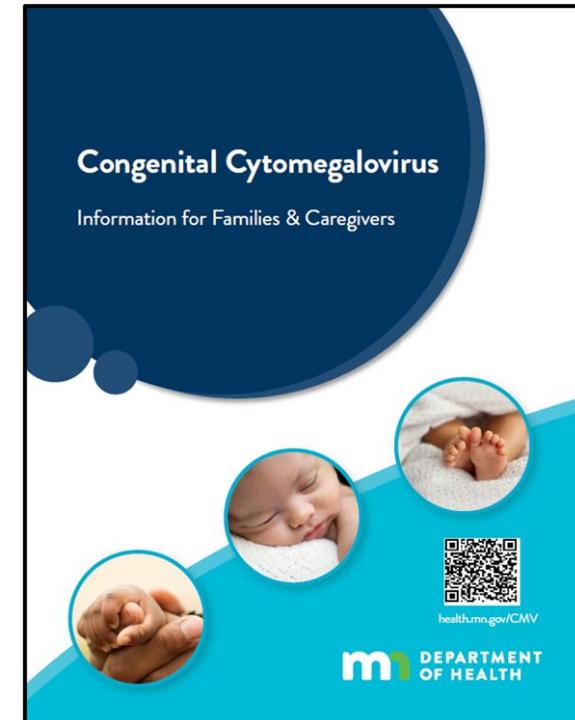
# Minnesota Process (cont.)

## NBS short term follow up program

- Gathers initial information on symptoms and evaluations
- Sends cases to surveillance team to continue data collection

## MDH NBS longitudinal follow-up/surveillance team

- Determines CSTE case classification
- Connect family to local public health nurse
- Send booklet to family on cCMV
- Continues longitudinal data collection
- May connect with surveillance only cases (no DBS) as well



# Data abstractions and longitudinal follow-up

- Physical exam
- Measurements
- Symptoms
- Brain imaging
- Audiology exams and findings
  - Hearing loss
  - Vestibular concerns
- Ophthalmology exams and findings
- Treatment information
- Referrals
- NICU stay
- Comorbidities
  - Seizures
  - Developmental disorders
  - Cerebral palsy
  - Liver disease
  - Cancers
- Well Child Visits
- Other specialty care

# Data abstractions and longitudinal follow-up (cont.)

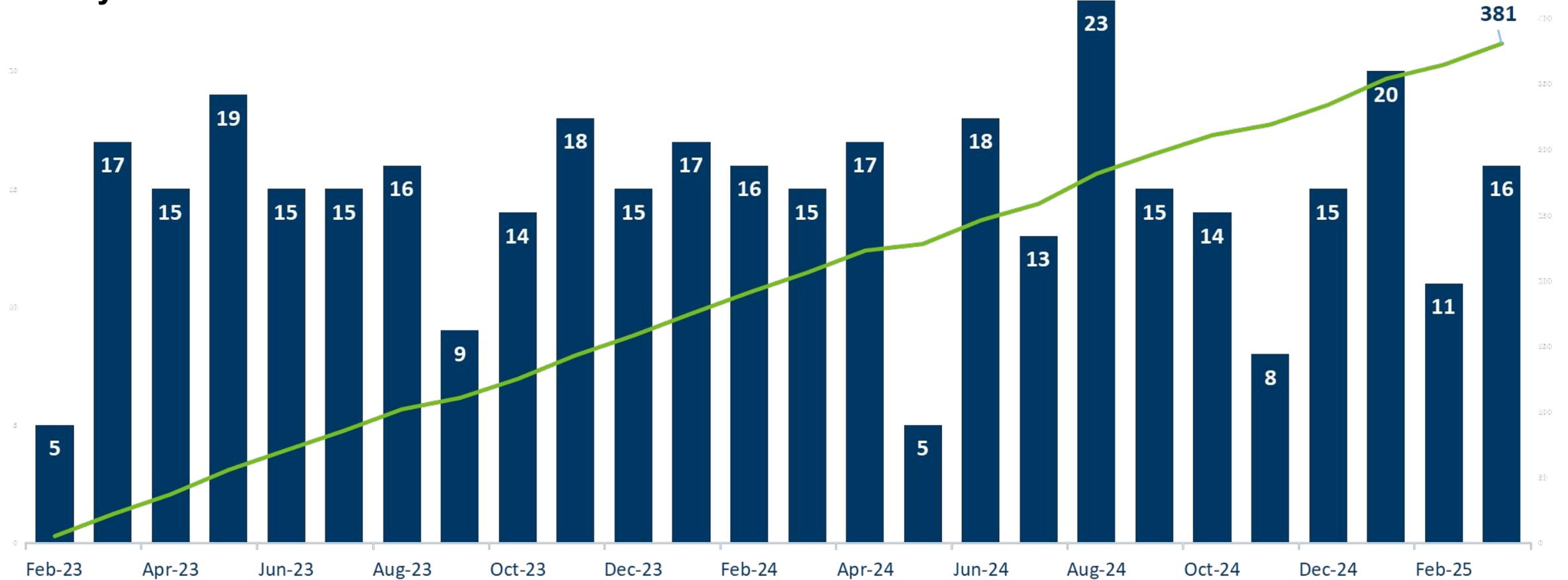
## Data timepoints

- Prenatal care
- Birth hospitalization
- 2 months
- 6 months
- 12 months
- 24 months
- Annually



# cCMV surveillance in Minnesota

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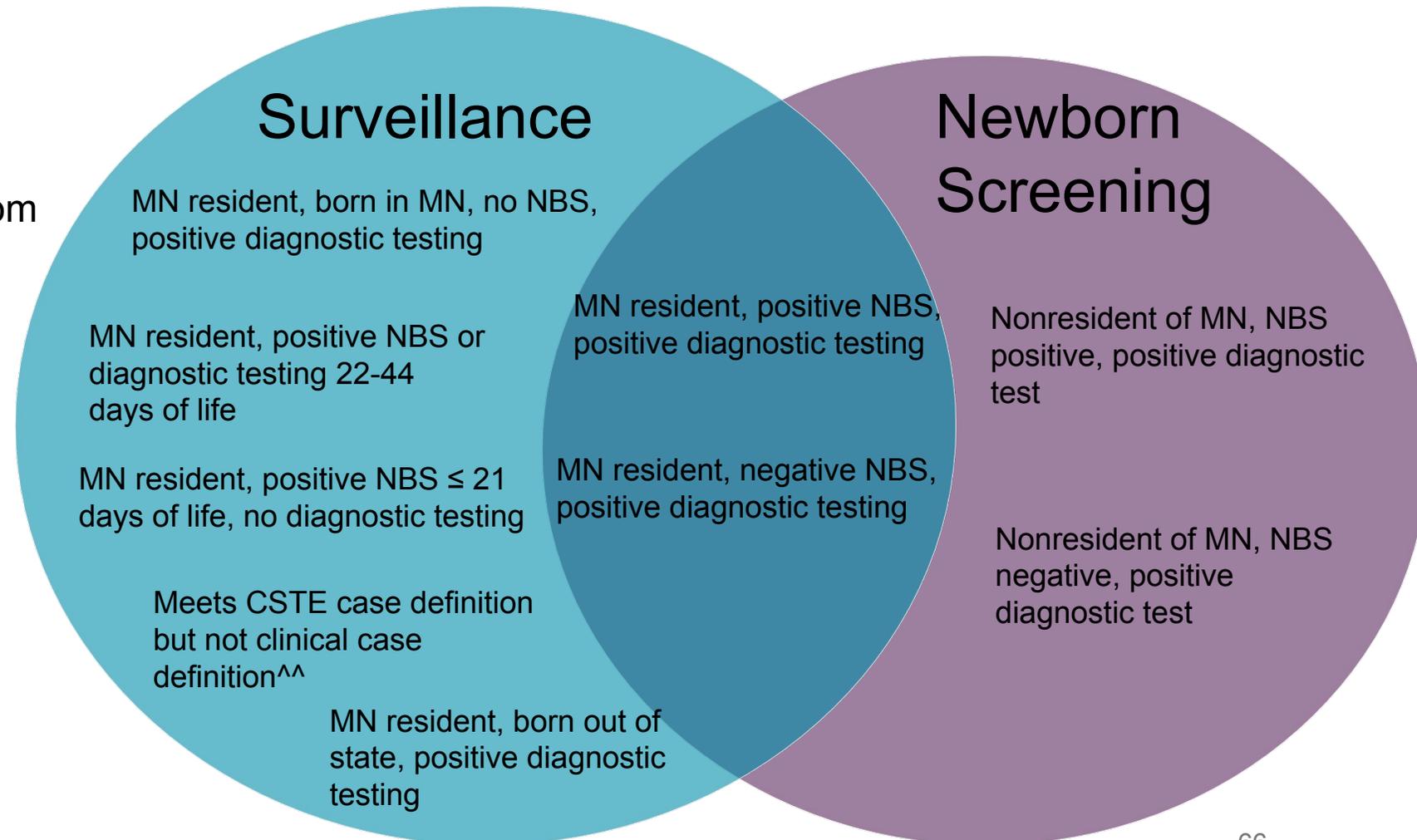
# Surveillance vs newborn screening

## Challenges

- Counting cCMV cases in different ways and for different reasons
- Duplicating efforts
- Re-requesting charts/information from health care facilities

## Multiple databases

- NBS short term database
- NBS longitudinal database
- Surveillance

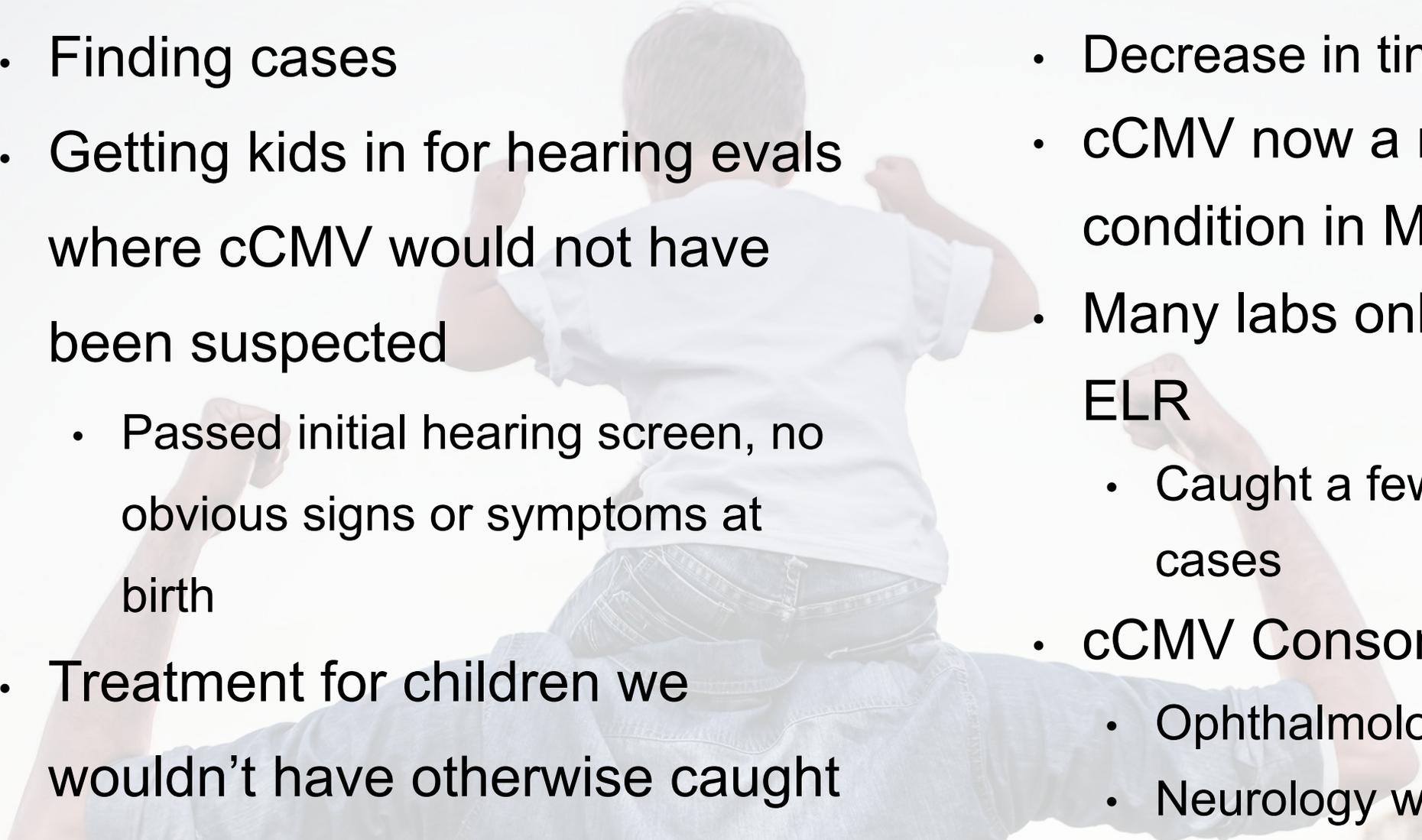


<sup>^^</sup>NBS takes provider diagnosis into consideration, whereas surveillance follows a strict case definition

# Challenges

- Acquired cases are picked up on 30 day DBS regularly (NBS testing protocol)
- Not receiving all ELRs
- Asymptomatic vs symptomatic - difficult to categorize
- Brain imaging results are very complicated
- Developmental status is hard to gather from charts
- Chart abstractions are time consuming
- Access to charts varies by health system

# Successes

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- Finding cases
  - Getting kids in for hearing evals where cCMV would not have been suspected
    - Passed initial hearing screen, no obvious signs or symptoms at birth
  - Treatment for children we wouldn't have otherwise caught
  - Decrease in time to diagnosis
  - cCMV now a reportable condition in Minnesota
  - Many labs onboarded with ELR
    - Caught a few out of state cases
  - cCMV Consortium
    - Ophthalmology workgroup
    - Neurology workgroup



# Minnesota Q&A

	<b>Data Sources</b>	<b>Screening Type</b>	<b>Legislation</b>
<b>New Jersey</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Birth Defects Registry (BDR)</li> <li>• Birth certificates (VERI) - CMV checkbox</li> <li>• Uniform Billing data for birth admissions</li> <li>• Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) program - TORCH Testing risk code</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Screening not mandated</li> <li>• Some hospitals do hearing targeted and/or high-risk targeted screening</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• cCMV is not a reportable condition</li> <li>• Legislation for universal screening signed in 2022</li> <li>• Required conditions have not been met; therefore, universal screening has not been implemented yet</li> </ul>
<b>Utah</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electronic Lab Reporting (ELR)</li> <li>• Electronic Medical Records (EMR)</li> <li>• EHDI program</li> <li>• Birth Defects Registry (BDR)</li> <li>• Vital Records</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hearing targeted</li> <li>• High risk targeted</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utah CMV Law 26-10-10: 2013 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Newborns who fail hearing screening tested within 21 days of birth.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 2015: R396-702. Communicable Disease Rule. <i>All CMV testing</i> under 12 months reported.</li> <li>• R398-5. Birth Defects and Critical Congenital Heart Disease Reporting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- cCMV added in 2019</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Minnesota</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newborn Screening (NBS)</li> <li>• MDH EHDI program</li> <li>• MDH Birth Defects</li> <li>• Vital records data (birth and death records)</li> <li>• Chart abstractions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Universal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• cCMV added to reportable conditions list in MN in September of 2024</li> <li>• Vivian Act signed into law in 2021 - education component and require MN Advisory Committee to review cCMV for possible inclusion on MN NBS panel</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup>[Minnesota begins newborn screenings for a common cause of birth defects | MPR News](#)



**Any other questions?**



# Discussion

# Questions/prompts for group discussion

- If we have a guidebook, would it be helpful? What content should be included?
  - Where is the surveillance “home” or who has ownership?
  - CMV data sources - where you can find information?

# Questions/prompts for group discussion

- Things to discuss:
  - Capacity, personnel needed (surveillance, state resources, e.g. ped specialists like ophtho, neuro, ID, etc.)
  - Plan for positive cases? Positive without clinical signs? Is someone responsible for f/u?
  - What are barriers to surveillance? what haven't we discussed?
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# Thank You

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