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## *Project Update and Planning*

- The ICD codes for 2009 Statewide Inpatient Discharge (SID) data are now available to view and query.
- The 2010 data is coming! The anticipated start of the project is late-summer.
- The vendors from Vexcel and Microsoft/Infusion visited Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) in late July. The visit included program presentations, knowledge sharing and extensive contract discussion. The day long visit showed promising results and exciting opportunities for expansion of the Data Warehouse (DWH).
- The Research and Ethics Review Committee (RERC) has been working on improving data management throughout IDPH. Changes are being made to the data sharing policy as well as both the research agreement and data sharing agreement applications. The RERC is hopeful these changes will streamline the process.
- **Coming Soon** — Environmental Public Health Tracking website has been updated with new data available. The website will be going live soon!
- Early this fall, the most recent county health snapshots will be posted on the DWH website. The purpose of posting the snapshots is to widen availability to groups interested in using the information that do not need access to the entire warehouse.

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## *Iowa Tracking Program Website*

The Iowa Department of Public Health's Environmental Public Health Tracking (EPHT) program is part of the National Tracking Network. This network was created in partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to increase access to both health and environmental data. The EPHT program provides information on environmental hazards and exposures, as well as related health effects. The website will include a variety of health and environmental data from multiple data sources. These data sources include the Iowa Department of Public Health Bureau of Vital Records, Statewide Inpatient Data, Department of Natural Resources, Iowa Cancer Registry, and the Iowa Registry of Congenital and Inherited Disorders. Environmental data and health indicators included in the website are:

- Air Quality
- Asthma
- Birth Defects
- Cancer
- Carbon Monoxide Poisoning
- Childhood Lead Poisoning
- Community Drinking Water
- Heart Attacks
- Reproductive Health and Birth Outcomes

These health indicators and environmental data will also be a part of the upcoming Data Warehouse expansion. The expansion includes a unique opportunity to interact with this environmental data as well as existing data in the Data Warehouse. The EPHT website is anticipated to be open to the public in early fall.