



Establishing a connection to Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) for Meaningful Use Data Transfer

Secure File Transfer Protocol (SFTP) is the current data transmission of choice for Meaningful Use Public Health data submission. You will need an SFTP client to transmit your data.

1. If you already have an SFTP client, please proceed to step 2.

If you do not have an SFTP client, we have attached instructions to download an SFTP client. You can either download a windows-based SFTP client (Attachment A: Filezilla). This is only one of the available SFTP clients; you can also download other SFTP client that you may be familiar with.

2. The hostname to connect and establish a connection to ADH is:

<sftp://adhmurcs.arkansas.gov>

3. The port to connect and establish a connection to ADH Health is: 22

4. A username and password will be provided to you in a separate correspondence.

Submitting Your Data

Before you submit your data, please be sure to fill out the [Meaningful Use Registration and Communication System \(MURCS\)](#) tool to provide required information.

Follow the HL7 Implementation Guides¹ to create and generate an HL7 message from your certified EHR system. The generated/extracted test file can then be sent to ADH using the above transfer protocol.

Before Submitting to ADH, validate your HL7 fields with the [CDC Tool](#)

When you are ready to send your HL7 test file, please label your file with your practice/facility abbreviated name and NPI for example, PracticeName_NPI56789.hl7 or ABCHospital_CMS23456.hl7. *Do not use any spaces in the file name.*

For multiple providers in a practice using the same EHR system, use the group or practice NPI. Only a single test file needs to be sent in this case.

Submit your file using the above transfer protocol and please let ADH program coordinator know you completed submitting the file so ADH staff can let you know if your file has been successfully received.

Contact for Help: If you need help connecting, or for questions about HL7, please contact: ADH.ORG.MU@arkansas.gov

¹ HL7 Implementation Guides accessible from ADH MU website as follows:
Immunization: <http://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programsServices/MeaningfulUse/Pages/ImmunizationRegistry.aspx>
Lab Reporting: <http://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programsServices/MeaningfulUse/Pages/ElectronicLabReporting.aspx>
Syndromic Surveillance: <http://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programsServices/MeaningfulUse/Pages/SyndromicSurveillance.aspx>
Cancer: <http://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programsServices/healthStatistics/CancerRegistry/Pages/default.aspx>