NLRAD Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) – MASTER LIST

DISCLAIMER: FAQs will be updated as needed.

If you have questions not addressed by these FAQs, please contact the NLRAD team: NLRAD.NAHRS@usda.gov.

Question	Partial or Full Response to Email	Other Notes or Resources
Reporting Guidelines		
Q1: How can I access a downloadable list of NLRAD reportable diseases and case definitions?	The National List of Reportable Animal Diseases is available on the NLRAD website. Most NLRAD Case Definitions (CDs) are currently under review; once cleared for posting, CDs will be available on the NLRAD website. The World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH, formerly OIE) Terrestrial and Aquatic diagnostic manuals also provide detailed information on listed diseases.	
Q2: What are the guidelines for reporting diseases under NLRAD?	NLRAD disease specific Case Definitions (CDs) provide a general disease overview, laboratory criteria, case classification details and reporting criteria. Available CDs are on the NLRAD website (see FAQ 1 above). Cases should be reported to NLRAD in accordance with the NLRAD Standards.	
Q3: Where can I find case definitions for NLRAD diseases?	Case Definitions (CDs) are currently being reviewed and updated. Available CDs are on the NLRAD website (see FAQ 1 above). More will be added to this site as they are reviewed and finalized. You can also reference the WOAH (OIE) Terrestrial and Aquatic diagnostic manuals for detailed information on listed diseases. Please contact the NLRAD Team (NLRAD.NAHRS@usda.gov), if you have specific questions about a listed disease that we can help clarify.	NLRAD Website WOAH Terrestrial Diagnostic Manual WOAH Aquatic Diagnostic Manual

Q4: What are the reporting timeframes for NLRAD Notifiable and Monitored diseases?	Please report Notifiable diseases/conditions within 24 hours according to the NLRAD Standards. Please report Monitored diseases/conditions within 30 days according to the NLRAD Standards.	
Q5: Who is an "Animal Health Professional"?	An Animal Health Professional (AHP) is an individual, corporate entity, or animal health organization with formal training in the diagnosis or recognition of animal diseases and/or pests of livestock. Examples of animal health professionals include, but are not limited to veterinary medical professionals, diagnostic laboratorians, biomedical researchers, public health officials, animal health officials, trained technicians, zoo personnel, and wildlife personnel with such training.	
Q6: What are the NLRAD reporting requirements for state animal health officials?	State Animal Health Officials (SAHOs) should report cases of NLRAD listed diseases in accordance with the NLRAD Standards. Available CDs are on the NLRAD website (see FAQ 1 above).	
Q7: What are the NLRAD reporting requirements for laboratories?	All Animal Health Professionals, including laboratory personnel, should coordinate with their state animal health official and Area Veterinarian in Charge (AVIC) to ensure confirmed cases of NLRAD listed diseases are reported in accordance with the NLRAD Standards. Available CDs are on the NLRAD website (see FAQ 1 above). Please report Notifiable diseases/conditions within 24 hours. Please report Monitored diseases/conditions within 30 days. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Reporting under NLRAD does not supersede State requirements or notification processes for FAD-Emerging Diseases Incidents or other Regulated/High Priority Endemic Disease reporting requirements.	

Q8: What are the NLRAD reporting requirements for other Animal Health Professionals?	All Animal Health Professionals, including accredited veterinarians, should coordinate with their state animal health official and Area Veterinarian in Charge (AVIC) to ensure confirmed cases of NLRAD listed diseases are reported in accordance with the NLRAD Standards. Available CDs are on the NLRAD website (see FAQ 1 above). Please report Notifiable diseases/conditions within 24 hours. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Reporting under NLRAD does not supersede State requirements or notification processes for FAD-Emerging Disease Incidents or other Regulated/High Priority Endemic Disease reporting requirements.	
Q9: For non-negative laboratory results, where can I find disease-specific reporting requirements under NLRAD?	Refer to NLRAD disease specific CDs, which include laboratory criteria, case classification details and reporting criteria. Available CDs are on the NLRAD website (see FAQ 1 above). If no NLRAD case definition is available, see laboratory and reporting criteria in disease specific WOAH guidance. Cases should be reported to NLRAD in accordance with the NLRAD Standards.	
Q10: Should Monitored diseases that are *not* confirmed be reported?	If you have a presumptive or suspect case of a Monitored disease that does not meet the confirmed case definition, you may consider other information, such as alternative laboratory testing or additional epidemiological information, to decide whether to report the presence of the disease. The NLRAD Team recognizes that for many Monitored diseases, especially endemic diseases, Animal Health Professionals may not have diagnostic testing results to a confirmed case level.	
Q11: Are NLRAD disease detections in wildlife reportable?	Yes.	

	The focus of NLRAD is on disease occurrences in livestock, poultry, and aquaculture. Officials may report NLRAD disease information in wildlife or feral species and are encouraged to do so. However, Reporting Officials should clearly note in the comments section of the NLRAD-NAHRS Report when a disease detection is related to wildlife or feral species.	
Q12: What is difference between the NAHRS list and the NLRAD list?	There is no difference between the diseases listed on the NLRAD list and the diseases listed in the National Animal Health Reporting System (NAHRS). The NAHRS website is updated each year to ensure it provides State Animal Health Professionals (SAHOs) the opportunity to report on all current NLRAD listed diseases.	
Emerging Disease		

Q1: What diseases/conditions are considered "Emerging" under NLRAD?	The NLRAD Standards defines an emerging disease as a disease, infection, or infestation in domestic or wild animals that is a threat to terrestrial animals, aquatic animals, or humans, and meets one of the following criteria:
	• An unknown agent that is causing disease in a herd/flock/premises and has the potential to result in a significant animal or public health impact, and applied diagnostic tests have yielded negative or non-definitive results; OR
	• A newly identified agent that is causing disease in a herd/flock/premises and has the potential to cause significant animal or public health impact, or is occurring in multiple herds/flocks/premises; OR
	• A previously identified or known pathogenic agent that has a change in epidemiology, such as:
	    • Unexpected production impacts or morbidity/mortality over a previously defined range for the agent
	    • Expanded host range	

	• Change in geography of an agent with the potential to cause a significant animal or public health impact	
Q2: How should Emerging Diseases/Conditions be reported?	If you suspect an emerging animal disease, follow the notification process in the policy for the Investigation of Potential Foreign Animal Disease/Emerging Disease Incidents (FAD/EID). When an emerging disease is confirmed, APHIS will decide specific details of how and what to report to WOAH on a case-by-case basis. Report to NLRAD within 24 hours of confirmation.	
NAHRS (DIS) User Management		
Q1: How do I access NAHRS to complete NAHRS Monthly Reports for NLRAD?	Please visit the NAHRS Participant Website for information about submitting reports online. If you need any additional information or help accessing NLRAD-NAHRS for reporting, please email the inbox NLRAD.NAHRS@usda.gov.	
Q2: I can log into DIS but do not have access to NAHRS for my state, how can I gain access to NAHRS for my state?	If you can log into DIS, but do not have access to NLRAD-NAHRS, please email the inbox NLRAD.NAHRS@usda.gov with your request and the following information: Name Email Level of Access Needed (choose *one*): 1) Read Only NLRAD Reports for State 2) Read and Edit NLRAD Reports for State 3) Read-Edit-Finalize NLRAD Reports for State	
Q3: I am a new NAHRS reporter for my state, can I please have access to NAHRS for my state?	If you already have an eAuth Level 2 account, please email the inbox NLRAD.NAHRS@usda.gov with your request and the following information: Name Email	eAuth Level 1 and Level 2 Instructions

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Q4: I can't log into NAHRS (DIS)	Please follow these troubleshooting steps first: 1) Clear your browser cache/history 2) Make sure you're using Chrome or Edge 3) Make sure you're using this URL – https://dis.aphis.usda.gov/workspace/home/ If you are still having issues logging in, please email the inbox NLRAD.NAHRS@usda.gov for assistance.	
Q5: I am having issues with the two-factor authentication process to access NAHRS (DIS).	Please email the inbox NLRAD.NAHRS@usda.gov for assistance. NLRAD staff will be able to reset your two-factor authentication method and provide instructions for how to set up the two-factor authentication with SMS.	DIS Login – eAuth User ID with 2FA