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**TO:** AIDS Regional Information and Evaluation System (ARIES) Users, HIV Care Program (HCP) Subrecipients, Medi-Cal Waiver Program (MCWP) Project Directors, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Project Sponsors, and Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) Part A Project Directors

**SUBJECT:** Confirm Your Agency's Contact Information for HIV Care Connect Rollout

The California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS (OA) is excited to announce the name of the new system, HIV Care Connect (HCC). This new custom-designed data system will replace ARIES in Fall 2023. The name reflects the goal of the system: to connect clients to care in an easier and more efficient way. To learn more about benefits of the new system, see the flyer on page 2.

#### Action Needed by ARIES Users

To help prepare for the launch of HCC, we would like agency managers to review and confirm the contact person on their Agency screen in ARIES. We would like one point of contact at each agency who OA can communicate with regarding the rollout of HCC. OA will reach out to agency contacts for assistance with tasks such as identifying and validating active user information, distributing information to agency staff, and sharing feedback from users. The contact may be any individual from the agency – a manager, an IT specialist, a technical lead, a data specialist, or another staff member. Please follow the instructions for confirming agency contacts on page 3.

#### Contact Us

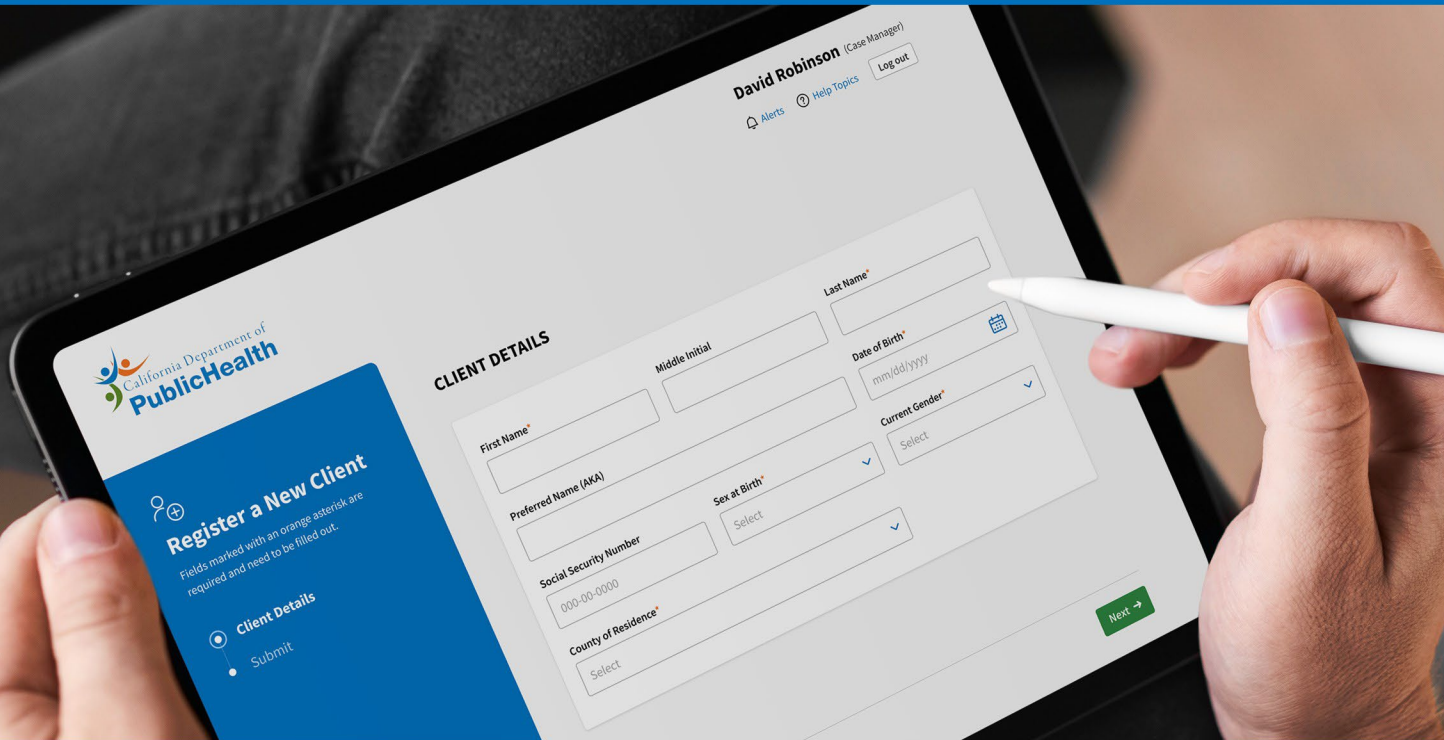
Have a question about HCC? Do you have suggestions to share? Send them to [CEMS@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:CEMS@cdph.ca.gov). E-mails will be monitored and reviewed by OA. Please note that responses will be sent as they are available and appropriate.

Sincerely,

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California Department of Public Health



# CDPH ARIES System Modernization



## ANNOUNCEMENT

# HIV Care Connect Launching Fall 2023

The AIDS Regional Information and Evaluation System (ARIES) is over 16 years old, and it's time for a change! **HIV Care Connect (HCC)** will replace ARIES and provide you with a better user experience, simple functionality, and more access to your client's data.



Screens are more intuitive and easier to navigate



Reduce duplicate entry with simpler processes to import your EMR data



Design your own reports to analyze data and improve client outcomes



More robust technical support for users to learn the system



Access selected ADAP and lab data to help coordinate care



Generate the RSR, CAPER, and other federal reports

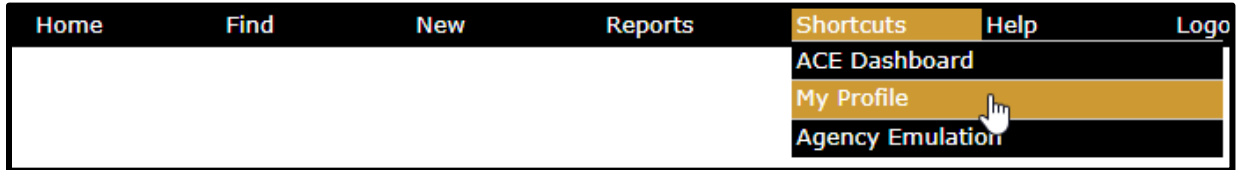


Stay tuned for more information and learning resources!

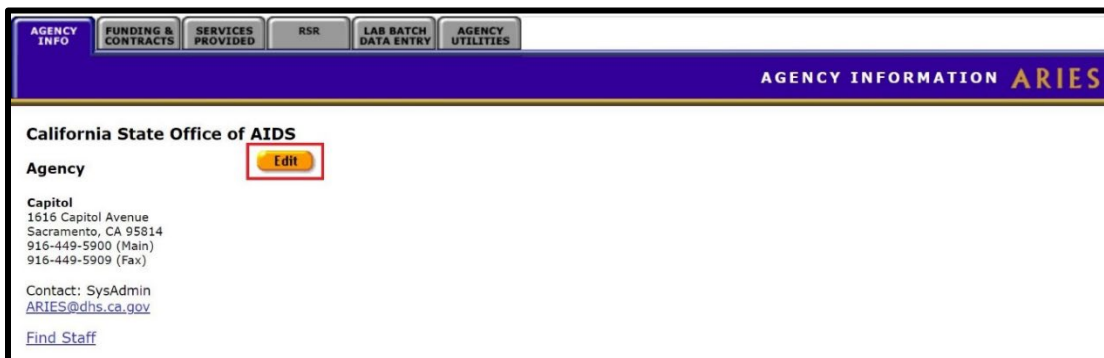
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## Instructions for Confirming Agency Contact Information in ARIES

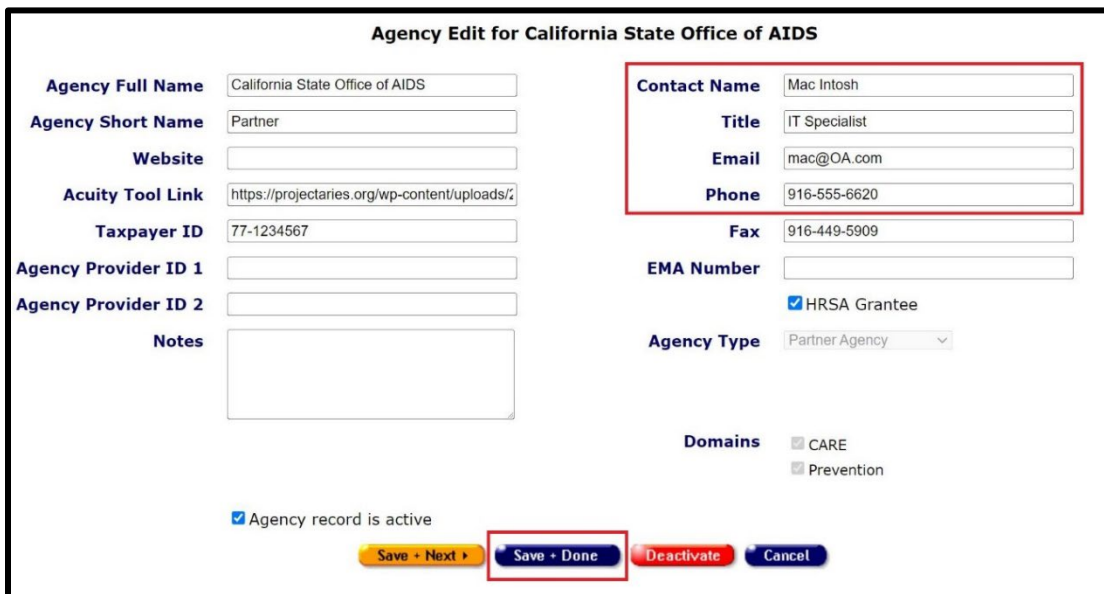
1. Log into ARIES.
2. Go to Shortcuts and click on My Profile. Once your profile shows up, click on the hyperlink for your agency. Agency Info tab will show up.



3. On the AGENCY INFO tab, select the **Edit** button.



4. The Agency Edit screen will open.

A screenshot of the 'Agency Edit for California State Office of AIDS' screen. The form contains several fields for agency information. The 'Contact Name' field is highlighted with a red box. The 'Contact Name' field contains 'Mac Intosh', 'Title' contains 'IT Specialist', 'Email' contains 'mac@OA.com', and 'Phone' contains '916-555-6620'. Other fields include 'Agency Full Name' (California State Office of AIDS), 'Agency Short Name' (Partner), 'Website', 'Acuity Tool Link' (https://projectaries.org/wp-content/uploads/z), 'Taxpayer ID' (77-1234567), 'Agency Provider ID 1', 'Agency Provider ID 2', 'Notes', 'EMA Number', 'Agency Type' (Partner Agency), and 'Domains' (CARE, Prevention). There are also checkboxes for 'HRSA Grantee' and 'Agency record is active'. At the bottom, there are four buttons: 'Save + Next', 'Save + Done' (highlighted with a red box), 'Deactivate', and 'Cancel'.

5. Review the Contact Name, Title, Email, and Phone fields.
  - a. If any of this information is outdated, type in the new information and click the **Save + Done** button.

- b. If the information is current and correct, click the **Save + Done** button. Do not click the CANCEL button.
6. If there are additional changes during 2023, please update ARIES as soon as possible. We ask that you do not make other edits to this screen – particularly the Agency Name – at this time.
7. If you need help updating the Agency screen, please e-mail the ARIES Help Desk at [ARIES@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:ARIES@cdph.ca.gov).