

HepSEQ: Data Access Policy

- This policy governs the data access to the HepSEQ system.
- This policy can be amended by the HepSEQ-SSC whenever there is a necessity to do so arises.

Public User Access

- Public user is defined as a person who can access the HepSEQ system for free, without any registration and with no malicious intent.
- Public user can access all the tools provided in the HepSEQ system and use the same for the purposes those were built for.
- Public user can also access pre defined aggregate data provided in the HepSEQ system.
- Public user cannot access individual data records under any circumstances.
- Any inappropriate use of the HepSEQ system by any public user as determined by the HepSEQ-SSC will result in the termination of access to the HepSEQ system by that user.

Non-Contributor Access

- Two types of access to HepSEQ are defined for the purpose of facilitating access based on the intended use of the HepSEQ system - Commercial or Non-commercial mode of access.
- Access to HepSEQ is granted based on the completion of the appropriate registration process governed by specific registration policies.
- Any inappropriate use of the system will result in the cancellation of registration and the termination of access to the HepSEQ system.

Non-Commercial User Access

- Non-Commercial user is defined as a person who can access the HepSEQ system after due registration for the only purpose of non-commercial use of the HepSEQ system and with no malicious intent.
- Non-Commercial user can access all the tools provided in the HepSEQ system and use the same for the purposes those were built for.
- Non-Commercial user can also access pre defined aggregate data provided in the HepSEQ system.
- Non-Commercial user can access all the nucleotide and/or protein sequence data provided in the HepSEQ system.
- Non-Commercial user cannot access any clinical and/or epidemiological data provided in the HepSEQ system.
- Non-Commercial user cannot access individual data records under any circumstances.

Commercial User Access

- Commercial user is defined as a person who can access the HepSEQ system after due registration for the purpose of commercial use of the HepSEQ system and with no malicious intent.
- Commercial user can access all the tools provided in the HepSEQ system and use the same for the purposes those were built for.
- Commercial user can also access pre defined aggregate data provided in the HepSEQ system.
- Commercial user cannot access individual data records under any circumstances.
- Commercial user can be provided with any further requested data access on ad hoc basis after the review of request by the HepSEQ-SSC or the HepSEQ-DWG.

Contributor User (*aka* Participant) Access

- Contributor user is defined as a person who contributes data to the HepSEQ system as governed by the Data Contribution Policy.
- Contributor user can access the HepSEQ system after due registration for the only purpose of non-commercial use of the HepSEQ system and with no malicious intent.
- Contributor user can access all the tools provided in the HepSEQ system and use the same for the purposes those were built for.
- Contributor user can also access all the data provided in the HepSEQ system but any use of the data for any purpose is bound by the Publication Policy.
- Use and analysis of the data provided in the HepSEQ system, by the contributor user for any purposes other than the disease or outbreak surveillance require appropriate Ethical approval and the contributor user is requested to contact the HepSEQ-SSC.
- Further analysis of the data provided in the HepSEQ system, for any research purposes, on behalf of the contributor user can be undertaken by the HepSEQ-DWG.