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**RE:** HCHS/SOL All-Cause Mortality Events 2008-2021 Investigator Use Files

The HCHS/SOL Coordinating Center has prepared an interim distribution of the all-cause mortality event years 2008-2021 data release file. This file replaces the use of the Censoring and Follow-Up time data file (ex. `sensor_death_wd_2008_2016_inv1.sas7bdat`) that was included in previous Incident Event data releases. This file will be updated and formally included in future Incident Event data releases.

**The contents for this release include the SAS dataset 2008-2021 INV1 series and documentation:**

1. File Variables Overview: “HCHS All-Cause Mortality 2008-2021 File Variables Overview INV1 – 20240415.pdf”
2. PROC Contents: “HCHS All-Cause Mortality 2008-2021 Proc Contents - INV1 – 20240415.pdf”
3. SAS dataset: “*mortality\_2021\_inv1.sas7bdat*”

As a reminder, investigator-use data contain potentially identifying information and should be handled in a manner that ensures data security and confidentiality. These datasets must be stored on a secure server, so that authorized study team members access the data directly from either a local area network or remotely via a virtual private network in a secure fashion. At no time should investigator use datasets or subsets of the data be stored on laptop computers or portable data storage devices (e.g., memory sticks), nor should copies be distributed via email attachments. Making multiple copies for storage on stand-alone workstations is also prohibited, as the likelihood of data being hacked into is increased as a result. Each study PI is responsible for recording and tracking where the data are stored and who has access to the data at all times. Access to investigator use data should be granted to co-investigators or other study personnel at a PI’s institution only for approved HCHS/SOL activities.

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