

Versioning Schedule for NEMESIS v3.5.1

Major Changes can include

- XML Structure Change (i.e.- Code Type Change within an element, addition of a new mandatory or required element, removal or deletion of an element, section changes)
- Update could require extensive training and education
- Compliance Testing Required
- Requires Translation for Compatibility with other NEMESIS versions
- Anything Becoming More Restrictive

Minor Changes can include

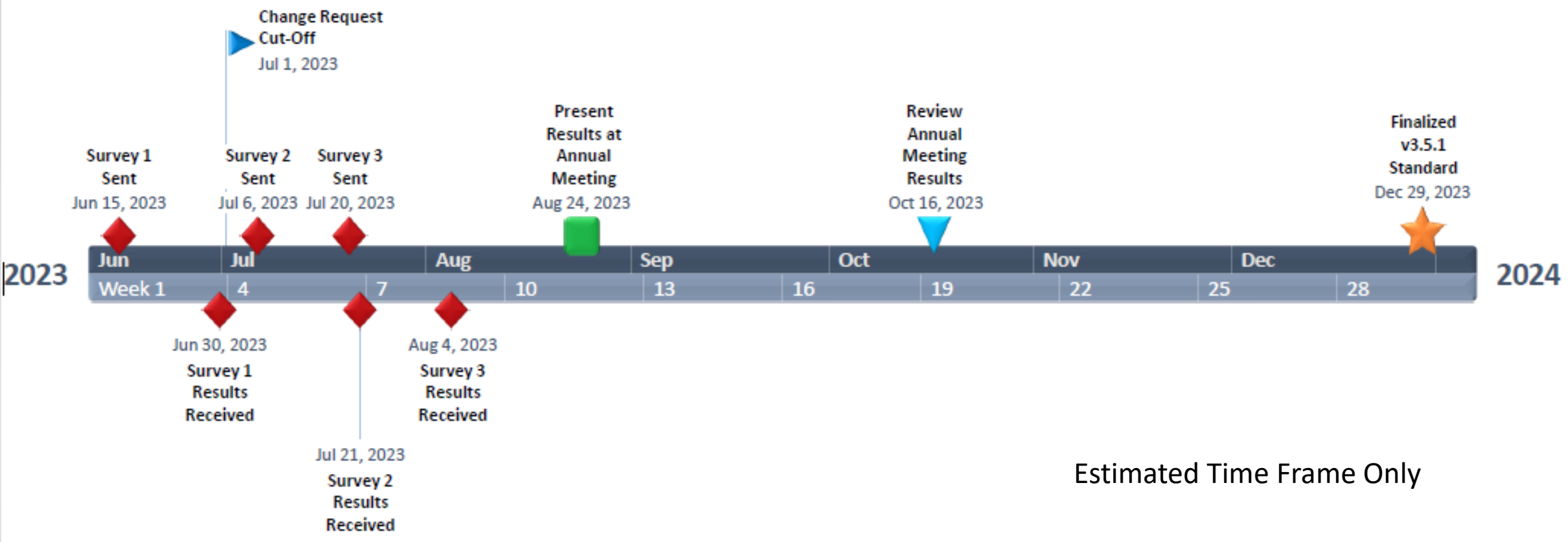
- Anything that is less restrictive (Required to Optional, Error to Warning, or removing a National Schematron Rule)
- Does not alter the vendor's compliance schedule
- Backwards compatible*
- Possibly bring in a new element as optional or recommended

*Any document created in v3.5.0 would be valid in v3.5.1 or v3.5.2 but being generated in v3.5.2 may not be compatible in v3.5.0. This does require states to move before local agencies.

Other Change Types include

- **Critical Patch-** Immediately necessary changes
- **Informational Changes-** Can be batched with the next Minor Update or be done stand-alone - includes enhanced definition or additional comments in the Data Dictionary, links updated in Data Dictionary, Defined List Updates, fixing typos in the data dictionary or national schematron.

Estimated change decisions timeline for v3.5.1



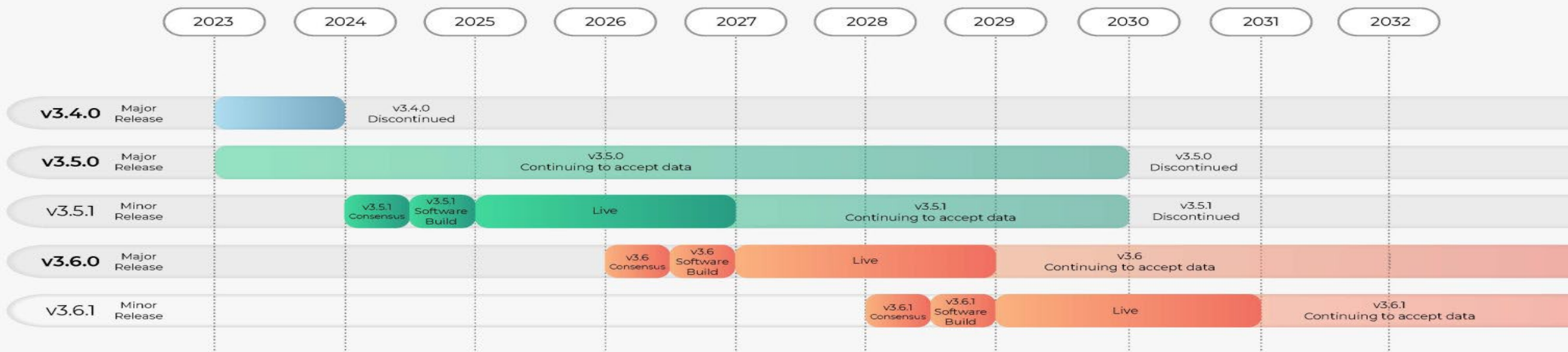
Estimated Time Frame Only



V3.5.1 Estimated Development Timeline



EMS Data Standard Version Timeline



Legend

- Consensus:** Stakeholders review and reach agreement on revisions.
- Software Build:** Software developers create and release tools for the new version.
- Live:** Version is complete, software is available, and data can be submitted to the TAC.
- Continuing to accept data:** Records in this version are accepted by the TAC.
- Discontinued:** Records in this version are no longer accepted by the TAC.

Type of Release

- Informational Release:** Includes corrections to the dictionary (e.g., typos, comments, update links). The release is "backwards compatible" (e.g., ePCR record generated in v3.5.0 is valid in v3.5.1).
- Minor Release:** Includes changes that are more permissive to the data standard (e.g., new optional elements or changing an error to a warning). The release is "backwards compatible".
- Major Release:** Includes changes that may be more restrictive (e.g., upgrading an element from state or optional to national). This release is NOT "backwards compatible" to the previous version.
- Critical Patch:** Corrects security or functionality that seriously compromises the daily function of the standard. Released as needed.