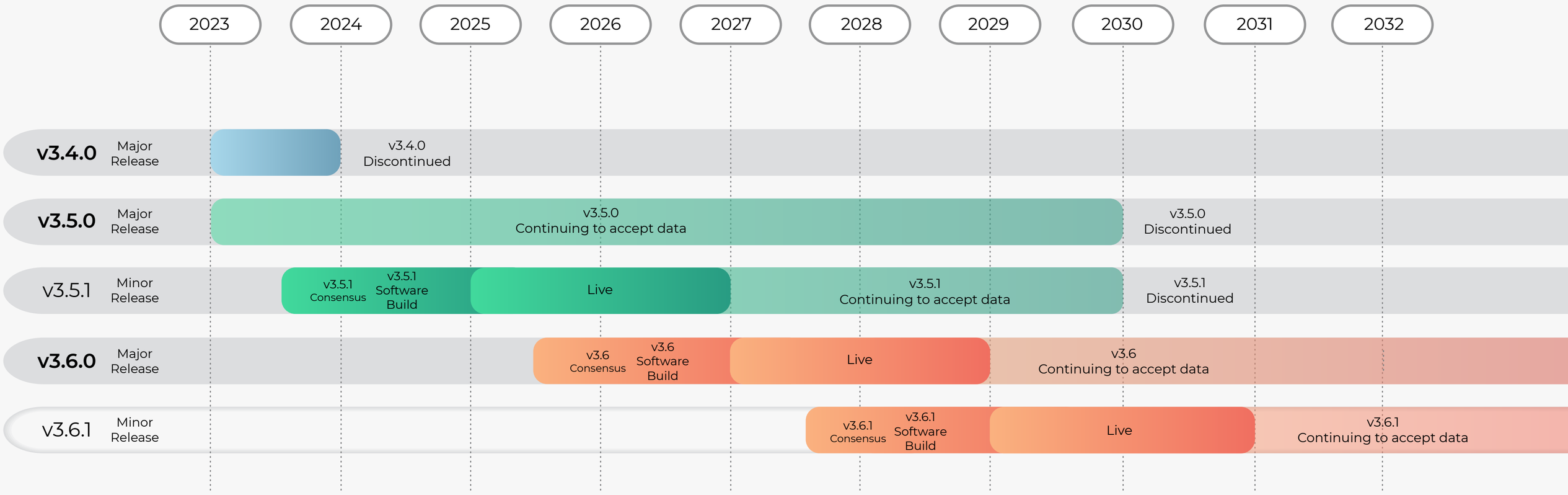
EMS Data Standard Versioning 10-Year Project Plan



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.

January 2023, supersedes previous drafts. Calendaring represents approximate start/end dates and should not be construed to represent a set schedule. Actual schedules will be developed as milestones approach. Last Updated: April, 2024

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.