Shop Talk: NHSN Updates & Technical Assistance

Welcome!

• All lines are muted, so please ask your questions in Q&A
• For technical issues, chat to the ‘Technical Support’ Panelist
• Please actively participate in polling questions that will pop up on the lower right-hand side of your screen

We will get started shortly!
NHSN COVID-19 Data Submission Updates

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Objectives

At the end of this session, the participant will be able to:

• Review the CMS requirements and timeline for submitting data into NHSN.
• Submit COVID-19 vaccine data for staff and residents into NHSN accurately & timely.
• Review your facility NHSN data on Data.cms.gov
• Join the Alliant Quality NHSN Data group.
Canine Companions Can Sniff & Detect COVID-19
Need Assistance with NHSN Reporting?

Join Our NHSN Data Group So We Can Help You!
- Group Name: Alliant Quality-LTC
- Group ID: 83378
- Joining Password: Alliant20!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nCmh6oRJhoE&list=PLXWmxni-xNHspWHhLlIrqc1GlzXZPjlf&index=1
Required NHSN Reporting Pathways

Weekly & within 7 days of prior submission

A. Surveillance Reporting Pathways
   1. Staff and Personnel Impact
   2. Resident Impact
   3. Supplies & PPE
   4. COVID-19 Therapeutics

B. COVID-19 Vaccine Module
   1. Healthcare Personnel
   2. Residents

C. Optional (Strongly Encouraged)
   1. COVID-19 POC Test Reporting Tool - must be reported with 24 hours in NHSN or State

COVID-19 New Cases: General Population & Nursing Homes

New Case Trends: General Population & Nursing Home Residents (7-day)

General Population  Nursing Home Residents

November 1, 2020
- General Population: 607,999
- Nursing Home Residents: 14,519

August 1, 2021
- General Population: 559,302
- Nursing Home Residents: 2,053

Data Through: Nursing Home - Aug 1, 2021 (*Latest week’s data is preliminary); Community - Aug 11, 2021 Source: NHSN and Johns Hopkins University

https://www.ahcancal.org/Data-and-Research/Pages/default.aspx
Weekly Resident COVID-19 Confirmed Cases and Deaths

Note: The most recent week's data is considered preliminary and will be updated the following week.

Week ending 08/01/2021

Residents Weekly Confirmed COVID-19
2,059 cases

Residents Weekly COVID-19 Deaths
221 deaths

Weekly Staff COVID-19 Confirmed Cases and Deaths

Note: The most recent week’s data is considered preliminary and will be updated the following week.

Week ending 08/01/2021
Staff Weekly Confirmed COVID-19
3,265 cases
Staff Weekly COVID-19 Deaths
12 deaths
COVID-19 Vaccine Supply Questions

Pay attention to these questions:

4.1 Is your facility enrolled as a COVID-19 vaccination provider?

4.2. Did your facility have a sufficient supply of COVID-19 vaccine(s) to offer all residents the opportunity to receive COVID-19 vaccine(s)

4.3. Did your facility have other arrangements sufficient to offer all residents the opportunity to receive COVID-19 vaccine(s)

4.4. COVID-19 vaccination supply-related issue(s) at your facility.

NHSN strongly encourages users to continually review responses to these questions in the NHSN application to ensure the information reported is up-to-date and accurate. This will give public health officials a better sense of any current COVID-19 vaccine supply needs and issues that facilities may be encountering. Data collection forms for residents and healthcare personnel of long-term care facilities can be found under the “Data Collection Forms and Instructions” heading of the following webpage: https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/weekly-covid-vac/index.html.

If your facility is experiencing issues with COVID-19 vaccine supply, please contact your state or local jurisdiction for assistance and learn more through this CDC webpage: https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/long-term-care/pharmacy-partnerships-access.html.
Changes to Weekly NHSN COVID-19 Vaccination Data Collection Forms -Coming Soon. Really, it is.

Data collection will divide vaccination rates into 3 categories:

1. Completion of Primary vaccination series
2. Cumulative Number of residents eligible to receive booster
3. Cumulative Number of residents who received a booster (specify)
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Who Needs an Additional Dose COVID-19 Vaccine & Who is eligible?

- We are waiting for a definition to use for NHSN reporting purposes. Stay tuned.

Updated on CDC website 8/16/21:


1. New categories for healthcare personnel categories for question #1.
   - **Employees**: Staff on facility payroll
   - **Licensed independent practitioners**: Contracted physicians, advanced practice nurses, and PAs
   - **Adult students/trainees and volunteers**: Non-employee students/trainees and volunteers
   - **Other contract personnel**: Contracted staff who do not fall into any of the other denominator categories

2. Now **Required**.
   - Question #3.2 (offered but declined COVID-19 vaccine)
   - Question #3.3 (unknown COVID-19 vaccination status)

3. Reporting plan will be required before entering COVID-19 data into NHSN.
   - Develop a NEW data tracking mechanism sooner, rather than later, to prepare for the new categories of healthcare personnel. Keep watching for updates.

*Source: Based on email from CDC on 7/28/21*
Consider Displaying Your Facility Vaccination Rate AND US Average

OUR STAFF
60%
All US 60%
Target >75%

OUR RESIDENT
82.4%
All US 82.4%
Target >70%

OUR COUNTY POSITIVITY RATE
15%
All US Avg. 9.7%
Target < 10%

I submitted data into NHSN each week, but I am still getting fined. Why?
Did your data upload to the CMS website?

If ‘N’ then review your NHSN account

Are You Reporting All Required Modules on Time?
Create a Check-off Sheet That Works for YOU!

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When Did You Submit Your Data?

Run an Analysis Report in NHSN to Check Dates

Analysis Report: (Modify the report to include “create date” and “last modified.”)  
Anything Missing in Your NHSN Account?
Answer: It is missing the CCN number.

Why is this bad? Your data will not upload to CMS and you will be fined for non-compliance.
Check Your Facility Info Page in NHSN

Lookup your CCN number: https://qcor.cms.gov/main.jsp
Did your data pass inspection?

NHSN reviews and if it does not meet criteria, your data is hidden from CMS file. (Notice the N in the passed quality assurance column.)

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Check Data.gov

Is there an alert? What does that even mean?

Check Your Vaccination Rate Each Week

Your rate should NOT be <25% and certainly NEVER 0% (unless your facility is closed)

Download EACH week: https://data.cms.gov/sites/default/files/2021-08/covid-19-nursing-home-resident-and-staff-vaccination-rates_1.xlsx
Do you do the CSV File uploads?

Data can be uploaded using a CSV file

- Pathway
- Point of Care Testing Tool
- Vaccination Rates

*This could be a time saver….*

For specific questions, contact: nhsncda@cdc.gov
Join & Confer Rights to Alliant Quality

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PPE Reminder: Download Your Copy for Display!

The B-Side (It is as good or better?)

Accessed 8-17-21
https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/guidelines/isolation/index.html
Many FAQ Shorts Available

• How do you find out who has access and rights for your facility account?
• I used my grid card at my previous facility. Can I use it to access my new facility?
• My administrator added me as a user to our facility's NHSN account, but I can't login.

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLXWmxni-xNHspWHhLlIrqcLGlzXZPljlF
Important Links Recap

4-27-2021  [link]

5-6-2021  [link]

5-11-2021  [link]  (vaccination data requirement in NHSN and Education documentation)

5-2021 Tracking sheet instructions  [link]

6-10-2021 Updated to include Vaccine rate data on CMS website  [link]  Link:  [link]

7-2021 FAQ:  [link]

8-2021:  [link]

6-2021 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) COVID-19 NHSN Reporting Requirements for Nursing Homes:  [link]

All CMS Regulatory Updates can be found here:  [link]

6-21 State based best practices:  [link]
NHSN is included 88 times. Please review!


https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-08-04/pdf/2021-16309.pdf
New to LTCF Infection Prevention & NHSN?

Bookmark these pages:

- Contact marilee.johnson@allianthealth.org to make sure you are on the Alliant Quality mailing list.
- NHSN Website: [https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/index.html)
- LTCF COVID-19 Module: [https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/covid19/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/covid19/index.html)
- Point of Care Testing Reporting Tool FAQs: [https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/covid19/ltcf/ltcf-poc-faq-508.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/covid19/ltcf/ltcf-poc-faq-508.pdf)
- Need Access to NHSN? Contact the current NHSN administrator at your facility to add you as a user. If no one has administrative access at your facility [Review These Shop Talk Shorts](https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/facadmin/index.html) for FAQs and submit this form: [https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/facadmin/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/facadmin/index.html) Follow email prompts to complete SAMS application.
Have You Registered for NHSN Updates?

https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/covid19/index.html
COVID-19 Vaccine Reporting Training Slides

- Review the NHSN Website Often for Updates

Shop Talk Webinars:
- April 2021 VIDEO Recording | Slides
- May 2021 VIDEO Recording | Slides
- June 2021 VIDEO Recording | Slides
- July 2021 VIDEO Recording | Slides
Mark Your Calendar!

Shop Talk 3rd Thursdays at 2pm ET

Registration Links:

Visit our website for more info:
https://www.alliantquality.org/topic/shop-talks/Recordings
Questions?

Please put your questions into the Q & A.
Thank You for Your Time!
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