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!



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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











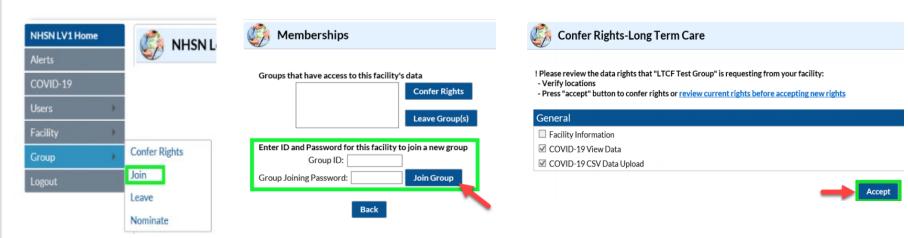


Need Assistance with NHSN Reporting?

Join Our NHSN Data Group So We Can Help You!

Group Name: Alliant Quality-LTC Group ID: 83378

Joining Password: Alliant20!

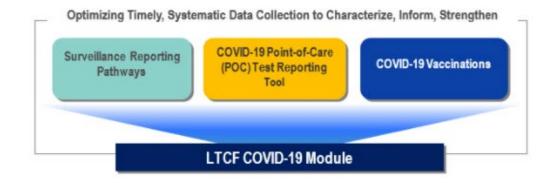


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Required NHSN Reporting Pathways

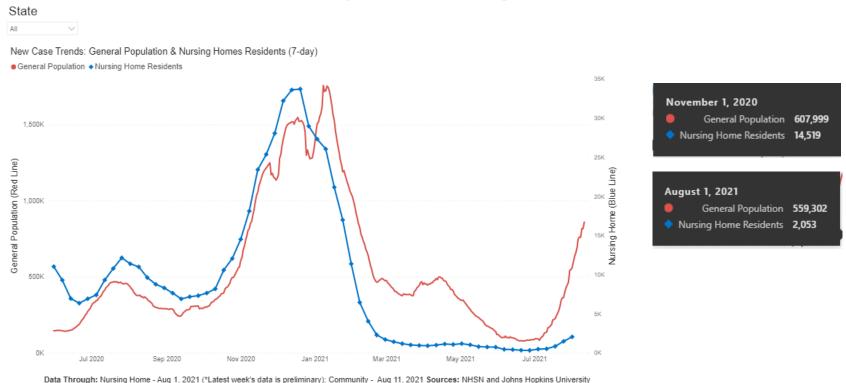
Weekly & within 7 days of prior submission

- 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

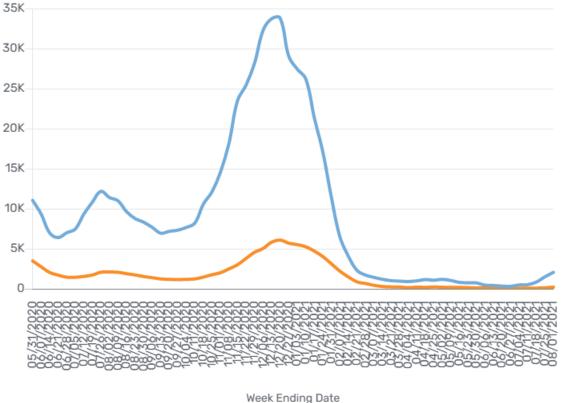
COVID-19 New Cases: General Population & Nursing Homes



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.



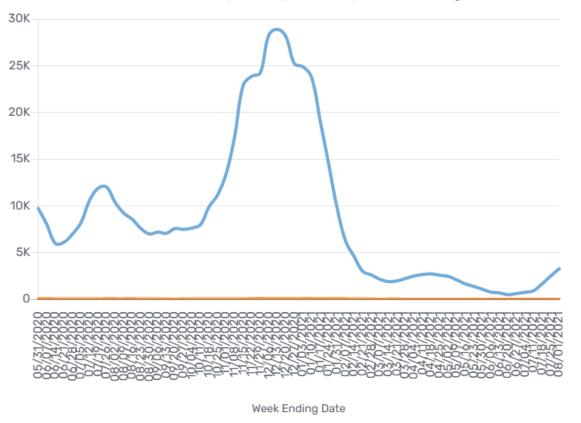
Week ending 08/01/2021 Residents Weekly Confirmed COVID-19 2,059 cases Residents Weekly COVID-19 Deaths 221 deaths

https://data.cms.gov/covid -19/covid-19-nursinghome-data

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:

- Completion of Primary vaccination series
- Cumulative Number of residents eligible to receive booster
- 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:

https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/covid-19-vaccines-us.html?ACSTrackingID=USCDC_9_13-DM63868&ACSTrackingLabel=DCPC%20Announcement%3A%20COVID-19%20Vaccine%20Third%20Dose%20for%20Cancer%20Patients&deliveryName=USCDC_9_13-DM63868

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/immuno.html?ACSTrackingID=USCDC_2067-DM63837&ACSTrackingLabel=COVID-19%20Vaccines%20for%20for%20Moderately%20for%

 $19\%20 Vaccines \% 20 for \% 20 Moderately \% 20 to \% 20 Severely \% 20 Immuno compromised \% 20 People \% 20\% 20\% 7C\% 20 COVID-19 \& delivery Name=USCDC_2067-DM63837$

More Changes to Weekly NHSN COVID-19 Vaccination Data Collection Forms - *Coming Soon*. Really, it is.

- 1. New categories for healthcare personnel categories for question #1.
 - o **Employees:** Staff on facility payroll
 - o **Licensed independent practitioners:** Contracted physicians, advanced practice nurses, and PAs
 - O 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**.
 - O Question #3.2 (offered but declined COVID-19 vaccine)
 - O 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%

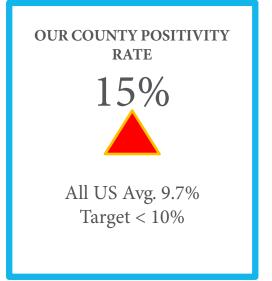


All US 60% Target >75% **OUR RESIDENT**

82.4%



All US 82.4% Target >70%



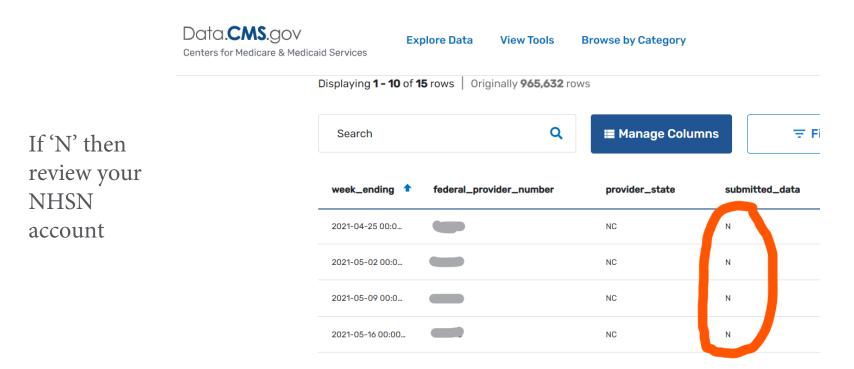
Rates posted on: https://data.cms.gov/covid-19/covid-19-nursing-home-data
https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/covid-data/covidview/index.html
https://data.cms.gov/sites/default/files/2021-08/covid-19-nursing-home-resident-and-staff-vaccination-rates_1.xlsx

Commonly Asked Question

I submitted data into NHSN each week, but I am still getting fined.

Why?

Did your data upload to the CMS website?



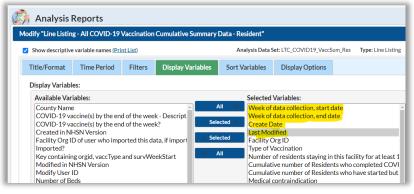
https://data.cms.gov/covid-19/covid-19-nursing-home-data

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

NHSN	Pathways				Vaccination Rate Coverage %			County pos. rate	POCT completed			
For the "Week of" Monday-	Resident Impact & Facility	Staff & Personnel Impact	Supplies and Personal Protective	Thera- peutics	Date Created	≤7 days from prior week?	Resident	Staff	Date created	≤7 days from prior	<u>%</u>	/submitted
Sunday 5/31/2021-6/6/2021	Capacity	✓	Equipment	✓	6/1	yes	65	55	6/8	week?	10	√ √
6/7/2021- 6/13/2021	√	√	√	√	6/8	yes	70	55	6/15	yes	10	✓ ✓

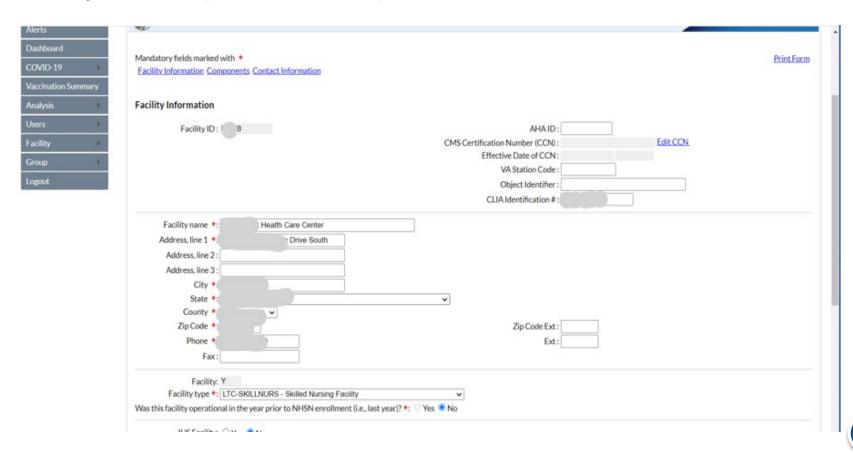
When Did You Submit Your Data? Run an Analysis Report in NHSN to *Check Dates*

Analysis Report: (Modify the report to include "create date" and "last modified.") https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/ltc/covidvax/linelist-checkdates-508.pdf



Week of data	Week of data		
collection, start date	collection, end date	Create Date	Last Modified
5/31/2021	6/6/2021	04JUN2021:10:	04JUN21:10:06
6/7/2021	6/13/2021	11JUN2021:13:	11JUN21:13:03
6/14/2021	6/20/2021	18JUN2021:09:	18JUN21:09:34
6/21/2021	6/27/2021	25JUN2021:09:	25JUN21:09:45
6/28/2021	7/4/2021	02JUL2021:08:	102JUL21:08:11
7/5/2021	7/11/2021	09JUL2021:10:	09JUL21:10:52

Anything Missing in Your NHSN Account?

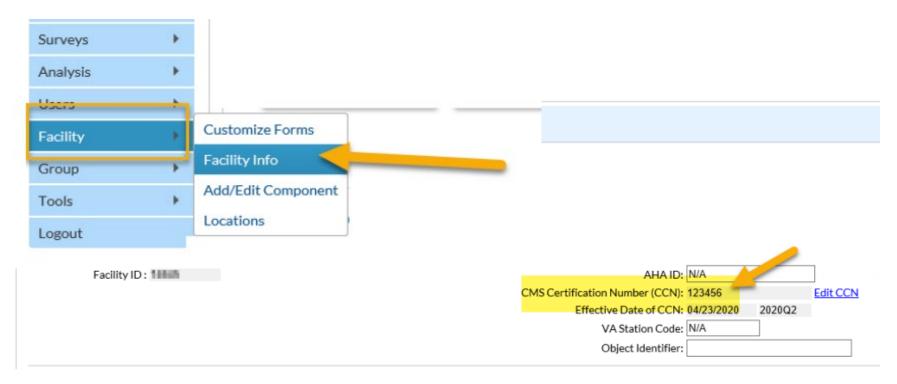


Answer: It is missing the CCN number.

Why is this bad? Your data will not upload to CMS and you will be fined for non-compliance.

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	Facility name *: Address, line 1 *: Address, line 2: Address, line 2: Address, line 3: City *: State *: County * Zip Code *: Phone * Fax: Facility: Y Facility: Y Facility type *: LTC-SKILLNURS - Skilled Nursing Facility Was this facility openational in the year prior to NHSN enrollment (i.e., last year)? *: Yes ® No	

Check Your Facility Info Page in NHSN



https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdts/ltc/ccn-guidance-508.pdt

Lookup your CCN number: https://qcor.cms.gov/main.jsp

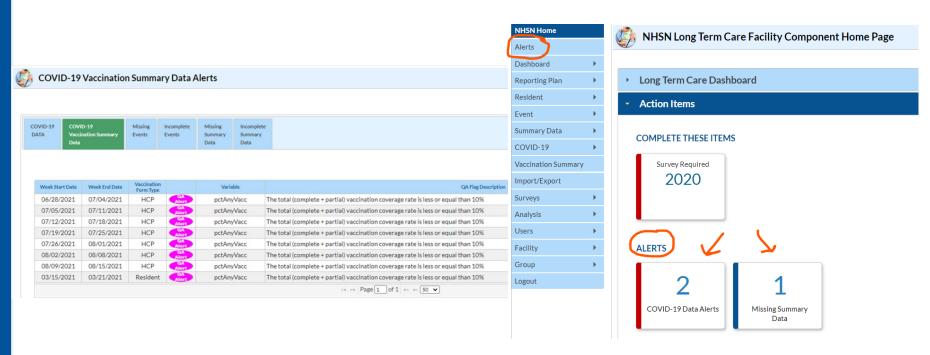
Did your data pass inspection?

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.)

week_ending 1	federal_provider_number	provider_state	submitted_data	passed_quality_assurance_check
2021-05-09 00:0		FL	Υ	Υ
2021-05-16 00:00	•	FL	Υ	Υ
2021-05-23 00:0		FL	Υ	Υ
2021-05-30 00:0		FL	Υ	Υ
2021-06-06 00:0	-	FL	Υ	Υ
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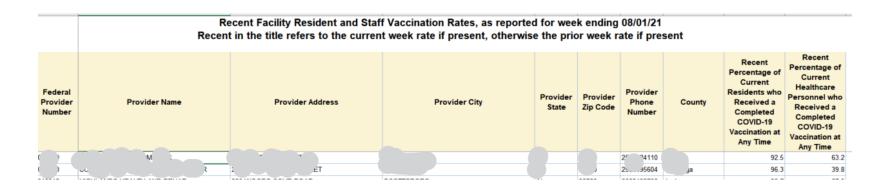
Check Data.gov

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)



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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

Group Name: Alliant Quality-LTC

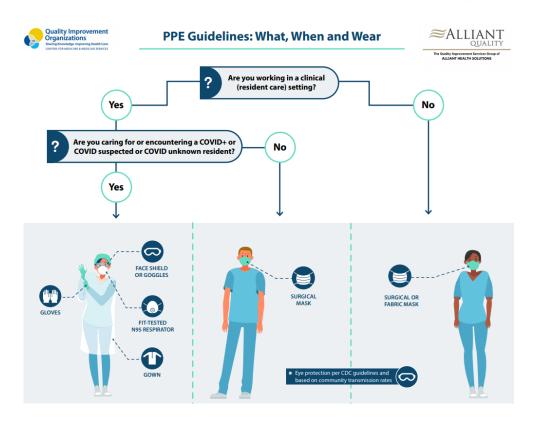
Group ID: 83378

Joining Password: Alliant20!

NHSN LV1 Home	MHSN L	Memberships	Confer Rights-Long Term Care
Alerts	NHSNL		
COVID-19	İ	Groups that have access to this facility's data Confer Rights	 ! Please review the data rights that "LTCF Test Group" is requesting from your facility: - Verify locations - Press "accept" button to confer rights or review current rights before accepting new rights
Users	l		General
Facility		Leave Group(s)	☐ Facility Information
Group	Confer Rights	Enter ID and Password for this facility to join a new group	☑ COVID-19 View Data
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Logout	Join	Group Joining Password: Join Group	Accept
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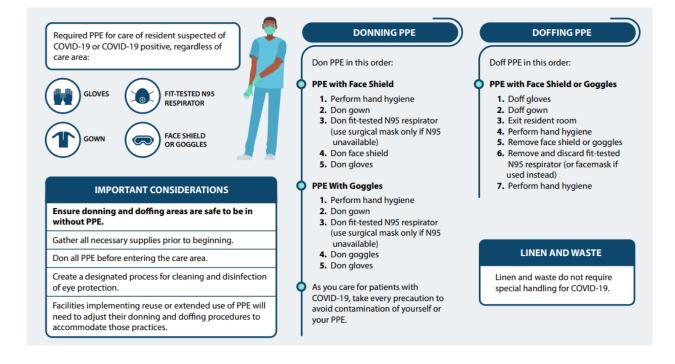
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PPE Reminder: Download Your Copy for Display!



Access Flyer with Visual Explanation of PPE Flyer: https://www.alliantquality.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/AQ_PPE-Use_Print_12SOW-AHSQIN-QIO-TO1NH-20-413_508.pdf

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



Accessed 8-17-21

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-recommendations.html https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/guidelines/isolation/index.html

Shop Talk Shorts YouTube Channel



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.

Important Links Recap

4-27-2021 https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-38-nh-revised.pdf

5-6-2021 https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-29-nh.pdf

5-11-2021 https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-21-19-nh.pdf (vaccination data requirement in NHSN and Education documentation)

5-2021 Tracking sheet instructions https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/ltc/covidvax/tracking-worksheet-qrg-508.pdf

6-10-2021 Updated to include Vaccine rate data on CMS website https://data.cms.gov/stories/s/COVID-19-Nursing-Home-Data/bkwz-xpvg Link: https://data.cms.gov/sites/default/files/2021-08/covid-19-nursing-home-resident-and-staff-vaccination-rates_1.xlsx

7-2021 FAQ: https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/hps/weekly-covid-vac/faqs.html

8-2021: https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/nqf/covid-vax-hcpcoverage-508.pdf

 $6-2021\ Centers\ for\ Medicare\ and\ Medicaid\ (CMS)\ COVID-19\ NHSN\ Reporting\ Requirements\ for\ Nursing\ Homes: \\ \underline{https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/covid19/ltcf/cms-covid19-req-508.pdf}$

All CMS Regulatory Updates can be found here: https://www.cms.gov/About-CMS/Agency-Information/Emergency/EPRO/Current-Emergencies/Current-Emergencies-page

 $6-21 \ State \ based \ best \ practices: \underline{https://www.cms.gov/files/document/covid-toolkit-states-mitigate-covid-19-nursing-homes.pdf}$



8-4-2021 Federal Register

NHSN is included 88 times. Please review!

https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/08/04/2021-16309/medicare-program-prospective-payment-system-and-consolidated-billing-forskilled-nursing-facilities

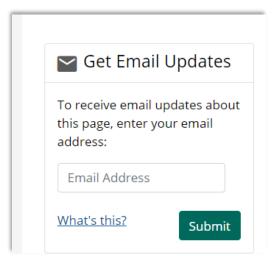
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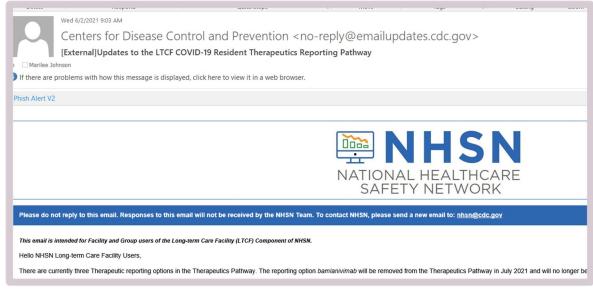
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Bookmark these pages:

- Contact <u>marilee.johnson@allianthealth.org</u> to make sure you are on the Alliant Quality mailing list.
- CMS mandates for reporting into NHSN https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/covid19/ltcf/cms-covid19-req-508.pdf
- NHSN Website: https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/index.html
- LTCF COVID-19 Module: 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
- COVID -19: Vaccine Reporting: https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/weekly-covid-vac/index.html
- 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 for FAQs and submit this form: 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 <u>Website</u> *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:

Sept 16: https://bit.ly/Sept2021ShopTalks

Oct 21: https://bit.ly/Oct2021ShopTalks

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! Contact the Patient Safety Team



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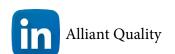


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