Shop Talk Office Hours: 
NHSN Updates & Technical Assistance

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• 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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Agenda

1. CMS nursing home COVID-19 data entry requirements
2. How do I access Alliant Quality tools to help me submit COVID-19 data?
3. Top 10 frequently asked questions for October
4. Resources for submitting NHSN data
   a. New to reporting data into NHSN for nursing homes
   b. Seasoned NHSN users
Section 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. COVID-19 POC Test Reporting Tool – Positive & Negative COVID-19 lab results for residents & staff must be reported within 24 hours to either NHSN (optional but strongly encouraged or directly to state health dept. Exception: Georgia Dept. of Health mandates NHSN for reporting POCT data.)

Reference Links

4-27-21 Nursing Home Visitation Guidance QSO-20-39-NH REVISED (cms.gov)
7-2021 FAQ: https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/hps/weekly-covid-vac/faqs.html
9-10-21 Full CDC Guidance for Nursing Homes re: COVID-19 Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations to Prevent SARS-CoV-2 Spread in Nursing Homes | CDC
10-2021 New Tracking sheets for Vaccine Module
Data Tracking Worksheet for COVID-19 Vaccination among Residents – September 2021 excel icon[XLS – 800 KB]
Data Tracking Worksheet for COVID-19 Vaccination among Healthcare Personnel – September 2021 excel icon[XLS – 800 KB]

Booster updates Who Is Eligible for a COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Shot? | CDC

All CMS regulatory updates can be found here: Policy & Memos to States and Regions | CMS and Nursing Homes | CMS

Section 2
Alliant Quality Tools Complement

https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/index.html
Alliant Quality Website

https://www.alliantquality.org/
Help! I am new & no one has NHSN access
How do I find out who has access to my facility?
How do I add users and rights to our NHSN account?
My administrator added me as a user, but I can't login.
I got a new job. Can I use my grid card to access my new facility?
How do I change my email address for NHSN & SAMS?
How do I get a SAMS card? I already have access to my facility.
I am leaving, how do I reassign another NHSN facility administrator?

NEW How do I generate a report in NHSN to see my vaccine data and dates submitted?
I want to receive technical assistance. How do I join Alliant Quality’s NHSN Data Group?

Bookmark our FAQ YouTube channel for easy reference to frequent NHSN issues:
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLXWmxni-xNHspWHhLlIrqcLGlzXZPljlF
COVID-19 NHSN Data Submission Technical Assistance

Shop Talk monthly webinar playlist
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLXWmxni-xNHuSn6SkIcu3N1ZG43ounSq3

Recent Shop Talk webinars:
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- May 2021 [VIDEO Recording](#) | [Slides](#)
- April 2021 [VIDEO Recording](#) | [Slides](#)
If Your Facility Would Like NHSN Technical Assistance

• Ensure you have joined our group before you reach out to us. We cannot provide assistance efficiently unless you join.
• Also, when you send an email to us, be sure you copy NHSN@cdc.gov for reference.
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-xNHspWHhLlrqcLGlzXZPljlF&index=1
Section 3
Access to NHSN account
1. User lost her Grid card and can’t recall her password.
2. Staff member has lost her card but knows her password.
3. Please help me and a sister facility get the NHSN level 3 access.
4. My NHA got herself locked out of NHSN on Friday and then realized she had never officially set up her own account with SAMs or NHSN...was using the original from our prior NHA and just changed the password.
5. The facility admin does not have NHSN admin rights and can’t add users...what do we do?
6. Please help me. I added 2 users for my facility. Donald and Berkely both have SAMS access. They are showing as users for my facility, but both say they cannot access the facility to input information.
7. I have added 2 users but neither have received their invitation to register.

Weekly COVID-19 vaccine module
8. Is there a way to import test results into NHSN or do they have to put them in individually?
9. I am receiving this error message: No Monthly Reporting Plan. I am not able to submit my vaccine data.
10. I am having difficulty imputing data into the HCW portion of the NHSN CDC portal.
11. I am getting a null-COVID-19 vaccine name is NOT valid error.
12. I have a QA alert and when I pull it up it gives me the reporting page from the week before saying my I vaccine numbers are less than 10%. I know this is not correct. What do I do?
13. Why is my vaccine summary dashboard showing incomplete for a future week?
14. Is there an updated NHSN spreadsheet that is available to make it easier for data reporting that you can direct me to?
15. Are you required to submit “missed” and “incomplete” vaccine data from prior weeks?
16. Please generate an analysis report regularly to validate your NHSN data before the upload to CMS and Care Compare on Sunday night.

POCT module
17. How do I edit Staff ID in the POCT module?
18. Did you know that you can select multiple races?
Access to NHSN Question 1

I have a user who has transferred from another center and has lost her Grid card and can’t recall her password. The only thing I can see that she can do is call SAMS help desk and work with them to either reset all her information or most likely wipe out her old account and start completely over again. Wanted to check with you before I start down this road though.
If you do not know your password or the answers to your security questions to reset your password, you will need to call SAMS at 877-681-2901 to terminate your account. Then, add her/him as a user to your account. Next, ask nhsn@cdc.gov to send you a new invitation to register. And begin the SAMS application. (Basically, start over)
Our newest staff member has lost her card. She has emailed them, but wanted to know if there was a quicker way to replace?
Answer

If you have searched everywhere and cannot find your SAMS card, then contact the SAMS help desk. They will mail you another card. There is not a quick fix.

SAMS Help Desk
Monday-Friday
8:00AM to 6:00PM EST
Excluding U.S. Federal Holidays

877-681-2901
samshelp@cdc.gov
Access to NHSN Question 3

Please help me and a sister facility get the NHSN level 3 access

Answer:
Reference the NHSN website page “Increasing LTCF SAMS Level Access to NHSN” and our Shop Talk Short
I was hoping you could assist. My NHA got herself locked out of NHSN on Friday and then realized she had never officially set up her own account with SAMs or NHSN...was using the original from our prior NHA and had just changed the password. We are now starting over and I wondered if you might be able to assist us in any way to get this done quicker?
Answer

There is no shortcut. Here are the steps:

• Complete the change in admin form.
• Follow up with an email to nhsn@cdc.gov and include your name, email address, facility name and CCN# and state that you need level-1 access to submit data ASAP.
• Tip: You will need to know the previous NHSN FA name and email address to make this process go smoothly.

Reference: Shop Talk Short

_I am new and no one at my facility has access to NHSN. How do I get access?_
Access to NHSN Question 5

I have a facility that the Administrator is no longer at this location. I did reach out to her to set me up as a user for the NHSN reporting. She indicated that she was never set up with Administrative Rights and could not set me up. How can I get on this facility account to be able to do their reporting?
Answer

If the NHSN facility admin (FA), is no longer at the facility or no one has admin rights, one person should complete the change in admin form to become the FA. After you complete this form, you will be granted admin rights. As the FA, you will be able to add and edit rights of others and submit staff POCT data.

Shop Talk Short:

*I am new and no one at my facility has access to NHSN. How do I get access?*
Access to NHSN Question 6
New user has SAMS access but doesn’t have access to facility account

Please help me. I have added 2 users for my facility. Donald and Berkely both have SAMS access. They are showing as users for my facility, but both say they cannot access the facility to input information. I am no longer working in facility and with changes it is getting harder to input information. Please help with this or lead me in the right direction.
Make sure the user profile is active: “Y-Yes.”

And the SAMS Username login email address is the same as the email address in the user profile in the NHSN account.

The FA needs to make both users profiles active in NHSN. See below.

How to re/de-activate a user’s profile
Go to USERS on the left navigational bar, select FIND, select FIND on the bottom of the screen, select your user profile, go to EDIT, at the USER ACTIVE drop down, toggle to YES/NO>SAVE.
Access to NHSN Question 7

I added 2 users and neither have received their invitation to register. What do I do?

Answer: “Did you make sure the user profile was Active?”

Uh, oh. No…I didn’t.

Okay, so both clicked as not active. We have corrected that. Now should we receive the invitation email to create a login?
Once you change the profile to active, send an email to NHSN@cdc.gov and put in the subject line: LTCF/invitation to register.

Please send oscarthehrougel@sesamestreet.net an invitation to register:

Oscar the Grouch, RN
Sesame Street Nursing Home

Check your inbox or your spam/junk box for a message from sams-no-reply@cdc.gov, with the subject line:

U.S. Centers for Disease Control: SAMS Partner Portal - Invitation to Register
Weekly COVID-19 Vaccine Module
Weekly COVID-19 Vaccine Module Question 8

Is there a way to import test results into NHSN or do they have to put them in individually?
You can submit your vaccine data using a CSV. Make sure you updated your templates from the website: [https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/weekly-covid-vac/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/weekly-covid-vac/index.html)

However, you must have Level-3 access.

- We are receiving reports of incorrect error messages appearing when LEVEL-1 (LV1) users are uploading .CSV files for the weekly HCP and resident COVID19 vaccination modules. **Level-1 users may see the following message when attempting to upload a .CSV file: “No Monthly Reporting Plan exists/Covid-19 Vaccination is not followed.”**

If your group does not have a LVL3 user, contact NHSN@CDC.GOV with the subject line “COVID-19 Vaccination .CSV upload help” so we can facilitate upload of these data.

Email nhsncda@cdc.gov for specific data file questions.
Tip:

- Even if you have Level 3, please make sure you access the Level-3 environment.
Make Sure You Log Into the Correct Application

https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/

OR type into your browser a fresh link
https://sams.cdc.gov
Make Sure You Log Into the Correct Application

Choose a login option

External Partners

SAMS Credentials

SAMS User Name

SAMS Password

Login

Forgot Your Password?

For External Partners who login with only a SAMS issued UserID and Password.

OR

SAMS Grid Card

Click the Login button to sign on with a SAMS Grid Card

For External Partners who have been issued a SAMS Grid Card.
Make Sure You Log Into the Correct Application

- NHSN Reporting....
Weekly COVID-19 Vaccine Module Question 9

I am receiving this error message. I am not able to submit my vaccine data.
• If you are unable to add back the reporting plan, then there is a glitch. Contact the NHSN help desk for resolution.
Weekly COVID-19 Vaccine Module Question 10

I am having difficulty imputing data into the HCW portion of the NHSN CDC portal. Could you please assist? My weekly input is due every Wednesday. Thank you
Add all the numbers the numbers in the column and make sure they equal #1. # vaccinate with 1 + # Vaccinated with 2 doses + contraindications + declined + unknown.
Look at Each Category Column

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1. Number of HCP that were eligible to have worked at this healthcare facility for at least 1 day during the week of data collection

2. Cumulative number of HCP in Question 1 who have received COVID-19 vaccine(s) at this facility or elsewhere since December 2020:

   - Only dose 1 of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine: 5
   - Dose 1 and dose 2 of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine: 31
   - Only dose 1 of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine: 0
   - Dose 1 and dose 2 of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine: 154
   - Dose of Janssen COVID-19 vaccine: 5
   - Any completed COVID-19 vaccine series: 190

3. Cumulative number of HCP in Question 1 with other conditions:

   - Medical contraindication or exclusion to COVID-19 vaccine: 2
   - Offered but declined COVID-19 vaccine: 4
   - Unknown COVID-19 vaccination status: 4
Uh-Oh

The sum of HCP reported for questions 2 and 3 must be equal to the number of HCP reported for question 1 for category Employees (staff on facility payroll).
Answer. It is an Arithmetic Error

167 + 3 = 170
Answer. Make the Sum of #2 + #3 = #1

Don’t add the auto populated field “any completed covide-19 vaccine series”

For each column, add all the numbers in #2 + all the number is #3. This must match the number in #1.
Answer. Made the Corrections.....But....Not Saved Yet
Answer...Math is Correct Except for the Booster...

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ᵃ sum of Employees (staff on facility payroll), Licensed independent practitioners: Physicians, advanced practice nurses, and Contract Personnel. All (non-contract)
ᵇ sum of Employees (staff on facility payroll), Licensed independent practitioners: Physicians, advanced practice nurses, and all persons receiving a direct paycheck from the healthcare facility (i.e., on the facility’s payroll), regardless of clinical role.
ᶜ Physicians (MD, DO); advanced practice nurses; and physician assistants only who are affiliated with the healthcare facility, regardless of clinical responsibility or patient contact. Post-residency fellows are also included in this category.
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* Employees (staff on facility payroll): The total number calculated for question in section 5 exceeds the number for question in section 4 for the same column.
Answer. Edit the #4 Eligible and/or the #5 Who Received Booster so That #5 < #4
Answer. Successfully Saved.
The Same Goes for Resident Vaccine Data…

**Error**
The sum of cumulative number of residents received COVID-19 vaccines(s) and cumulative number of residents with other conditions must equal Number of residents staying in this facility for at least 1 day during the week of data collection
Weekly COVID-19 Vaccine Module Question 11

I am having some trouble submitting my data for this week. I tried all afternoon yesterday and kept getting an error about my staff numbers not matching. So I played around and recounted everything multiple times and finally just decided I should try with fresh eyes this morning. I also got an error a few times yesterday that said “null – COVID-19 vaccine name not valid”. I have been trying to submit for about an hour now and it finally let me – only for me to realize it was for the week of 10/4 thru 10/10.

So I go into the one for 9/27 thru 10/3 and put in the exact same data and it gives me the null error again. Can you please help me?
The HCW section is giving me glitches and will not let me save the information. I have submitted several error messages to NHSN but they send the auto-replies. I attached the printout of all of our numbers so you may see that I have all the information ready.

This is a screenshot of the glitch. The vaccine names are automatically populated. I have NO WAY of editing them in the system. Please advise.
Answer

If the vaccine manufacturer fields for question 2 are displaying when you open the data collection form (2.1-2.99), we recommend that you select the trashcan icon next to the vaccine type, close the module and then re-open it before entering your COVID-19 vaccination data.

If the issue persists after following the instructions above, we recommend you log out of NHSN, clear your browser cookies and close your browser before attempting to enter the data again.

Please let us know if you continue to encounter difficulties. Thank you for your time and effort entering COVID-19 vaccination data in NHSN.

NHSN Vaccination Team
Weekly COVID-19 Vaccine Module Question 12

I have an alert from NHSN about the vaccine reporting from last week. Please let me know when you have a few minutes to answer.

What it looks like is I have a QA alert and when I pull it up it gives me the reporting page from the week before saying my vaccine numbers are less than 10%
Hello, thank you for your message. We have recently discovered an issue with the quality assurance (QA) alerts that appear on the alerts screen in the NHSN application and we are currently working to resolve it. It appears that the data quality alerts are now sometimes generating inaccurately for the Weekly COVID-19 Vaccination Module vaccination rate for reporting weeks starting with week ending 10/3. Please disregard these alerts, as the alerts are not impacting a facility’s ability to enter, update, save, or analyze data. Additionally, please do not edit Weekly COVID-19 vaccination Module data from within the QA alerts screen. For more information about data quality alerts, please see: https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/hps/covidvax/dq-alerts-508.pdf.

We appreciate your patience. We will communicate once this issue is resolved. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any further questions or concerns by opening a new ticket at nhsn@cdc.gov.

NHSN Vaccination Team
Weekly COVID-19 Vaccine Module Question 13

We have a question about weekly COVID reporting. We report on Wednesdays. That’s just the day we chose and have been reporting on that day for a while now. So, this morning, we reported 10/4/21-10/10/21 and it turned green. But for some reason, week 10/11/21-10/17/21 is already in the yellow. We were concerned because yellow is coded as “Record Incomplete,” but it’s not due yet...We just haven’t ever noticed it being yellow before and wanted to make sure it’s not something we are doing wrong, or something we should worry about. We don’t want it to look like we are our of compliance with weekly reporting.
Thank you for your message. Effective October 2021, a completed monthly reporting plan (MRP) for the vaccination coverage module is required in order to enter COVID-19 vaccination data. The monthly reporting plan (MRP) indicates to the NHSN system which modules and protocols a user intends to follow for surveillance purposes in a specific month. NHSN has auto-populated the MRP for the vaccination coverage module for LTCFs for reporting weeks ending October 3, 2021 through March 27, 2022, so facilities will not need to complete MRPs for this period and can proceed to enter COVID-19 vaccination data as required.

When an MRP has been created, **yellow boxes** will appear on the “Weekly Vaccination Calendar” indicating that there are COVID-19 vaccination data that can be entered for the week. Once the data collection form for a particular week has been populated and saved, the record will turn **green** to indicate it has been completed. More information about the monthly reporting plan (MRP) is found in slides 47-51 of the following training slide set: [https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/ltc/covidvax/weekly-covid-reporting-508.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/ltc/covidvax/weekly-covid-reporting-508.pdf)
Click a cell to begin entering data for the week which counts are reported.

Reporting of medical events or health problems that occur after vaccination (possible side effects) is encouraged, even if you are

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Is there an updated NHSN spreadsheet that is available to make it easier for data reporting that you can direct me to?
Yes! Tracking forms have been updated. Please download and save these forms.

• **New!** Data Tracking Worksheet for COVID-19 Vaccination among Residents – September 2021 excel icon[XLS – 800 KB]

• **New!** Data Tracking Worksheet for COVID-19 Vaccination among Healthcare Personnel – September 2021 excel icon[XLS – 800 KB]
Weekly COVID-19 Vaccine Module Question 15

Are you required to submit “missed” and “incomplete” vaccine data from prior weeks?

Yes. While you will not receive further CMP penalties, you are required to have complete data.

- As long as you are submitting current or prior weeks data, you will not receive CMP fines.
Weekly COVID-19 Vaccine Module Question 16

Please generate an analysis report regularly to validate your NHSN data before uploading to CMS and Care Compare on Sunday night.

Reference NHSN to check create dates and vaccine rates.

Watch our Shop Talk Short for new details:

How to generate an analysis report to validate your vaccine module data
Discrepancy in Vaccine Rates

• Check your rates to ensure accuracy each week on Thursday afternoon.

• If you edited your NHSN data, it may not reflect until the following week.
POCT Module Question 17

I am trying to edit the Staff ID for an existing staff member, but when I change the ID, the message says “Could not find staff”. See screen-shots below. How do I edit this field and save the change?
How do I change/edit the Resident, Staff or Visitor ID?

It is not possible to edit an ID in the system. You must create a new individual in the system with a new ID, delete the test results from the incorrect ID and add them to the new (correct) ID. See question and answer below for guidance on deleting a Resident, Staff, or Visitor from NHSN.

Reference the POCT FAQs
POCT Module Question 18

Did you know that you can select multiple races?

The resident should always be asked to identify their race and ethnicity. If the resident is not a good historian, then check with a close family member.

- American Indian/Alaska Native • Asian • Black or African American • Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander • White

Note that more than one race may be elected for an individual.

LTCF POC Frequently Asked Questions (cdc.gov) p16-17
Section 4
### COVID-19 Vaccination Rates

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*Higher percentages are better*  

As reported September 5, 2021

[https://www.medicare.gov/care-compare/](https://www.medicare.gov/care-compare/)
New to LTCF Infection Prevention and 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

• LTCF COVID-19 Module: https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/ltcf-covid19/index.html

• Point of Care Testing Reporting Tool FAQs: 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 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
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Registration Links:
January 20 - TBD

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