

# NHSN Updates

# COVID-19 Vaccine Module & Pathway

**Welcome!**

Chat to Technical Support if you need assistance

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# Objectives

## Agenda:

- Join our Alliant Health Solutions LTC NHSN Group
- CDC and CMS Updates
- Influenza Vaccination Reporting
- Other NHSN Updates
- SAMS and NHSN Tips
- Questions and Answers

# Make Sure You Joined Our NHSN Group

On the NHSN Home page:  
Click **Group > Join**

Make sure you see **Alliant Health Solutions-LTC (83378)**. If not, follow the instructions on the next slide to join.

**Take this important step to receive assistance from your CMS quality improvement organization.**

NHSN - National Healthcare Safety Network

**NHSN Home**

- Alerts
- Dashboard
- Reporting Plan
- Resident
- Event
- Summary Data
- COVID-19
- Vaccination Summary
- Import/Export
- Surveys
- Analysis
- Users
- Facility
- Group**
- Logout

**Memberships**

Groups that have access to this facility's data

- Alliant Health Solutions - LTC (83378)

**Confer Rights**

**Leave Group(s)**

Enter ID and Password for this facility to join a new group

Group ID:

Group Joining Password:

**Join Group**

**Back**

**Confer Rights**

**Join**

# Join and Confer Rights to Alliant Health Solutions

Group Name: Alliant Health Solutions-LTC

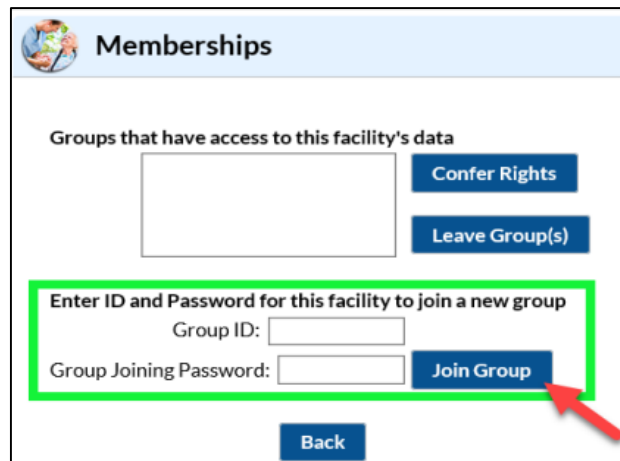
Group ID: 83378

Joining Password: Alliant20!



NHSN LV1 Home

- Alerts
- COVID-19
- Users
- Facility
- Group
  - Confer Rights
  - Join
  - Leave
  - Nominate
- Logout



Memberships

Groups that have access to this facility's data

Confer Rights

Leave Group(s)

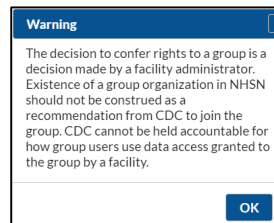
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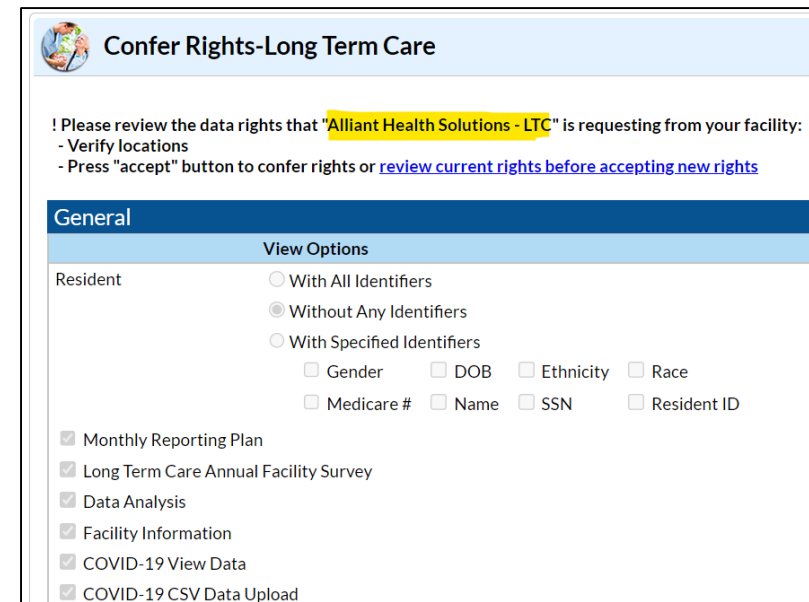
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Warning

The decision to confer rights to a group is a decision made by a facility administrator. Existence of a group organization in NHSN should not be construed as a recommendation from CDC to join the group. CDC cannot be held accountable for how group users use data access granted to the group by a facility.

OK



Confer Rights-Long Term Care

! Please review the data rights that "Alliant Health Solutions - LTC" is requesting from your facility:  
- Verify locations  
- Press "accept" button to confer rights or [review current rights before accepting new rights](#)

General

View Options

Resident

☐ With All Identifiers  
☒ Without Any Identifiers  
☐ With Specified Identifiers

☐ Gender ☐ DOB ☐ Ethnicity ☐ Race  
☐ Medicare # ☐ Name ☐ SSN ☐ Resident ID

☒ Monthly Reporting Plan  
☒ Long Term Care Annual Facility Survey  
☒ Data Analysis  
☒ Facility Information  
☒ COVID-19 View Data  
☒ COVID-19 CSV Data Upload

[https://quality.allianthealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/TO1\\_NHSGroups\\_12SOW-AHSQIN-QIO-TO1NH-20-391\\_508-1.pdf](https://quality.allianthealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/TO1_NHSGroups_12SOW-AHSQIN-QIO-TO1NH-20-391_508-1.pdf)

# Shop Talk Shorts YouTube Channel

Instructional videos to answer technical questions related to NHSN

Bookmark our FAQ YouTube channel for easy reference to frequent NHSN issues:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLXWmxni-xNHspWHhLlIrcLGlzXZPljIF>

[Help! I am new & no one has NHSN access](#)

[How to Upgrade to Level-3 Access in NHSN](#)

[How do I find out who has access to my facility?](#)

[How do I add users and rights to our NHSN account?](#)

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?](#)

[I am leaving, how do I reassign another NHSN facility administrator?](#)

I want to receive technical assistance. [How do I join Alliant Health Solution's NHSN Data Group?](#)



# CDC & CMS Updates





**Center for Clinical Standards and Quality**

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**Ref: QSO-22-25-CLIA**  
***Rescinded 10/7/2022***

**DATE:** September 26, 2022

**TO:** State Survey Agency Directors

**FROM:** Directors, Quality, Safety & Oversight Group (QSOG) and Survey & Operations Group (SOG)

**SUBJECT:** CMS Rescinds December 7, 2020, Enforcement Discretion for the Use of SARS-CoV-2 Tests on Asymptomatic Individuals Outside of the Test's Instructions for Use (***RESCINDED***)

**Memorandum Summary**

*This memo has been rescinded.*

**Effective Date:**  
Immediately.

/s/  
David R. Wright  
Director, Quality, Safety & Oversight Group

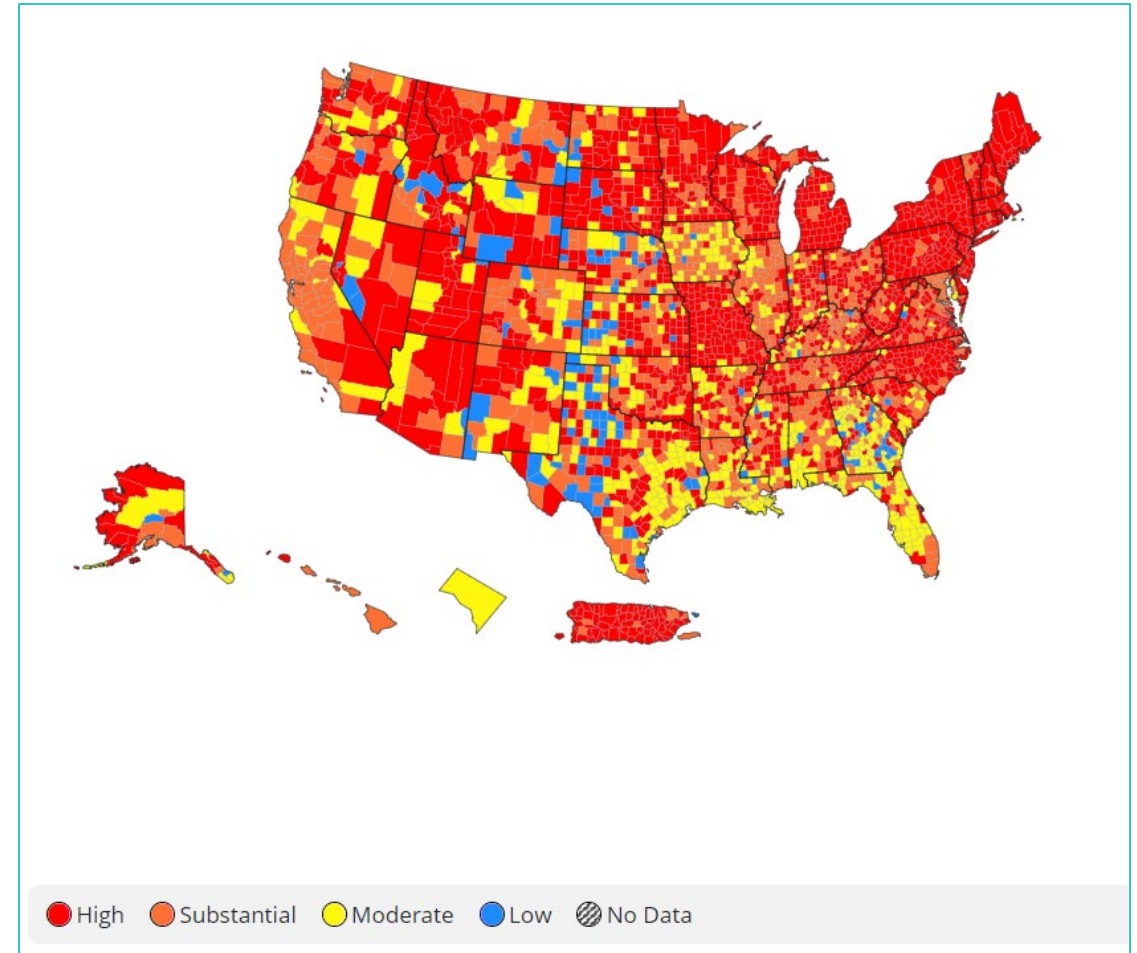
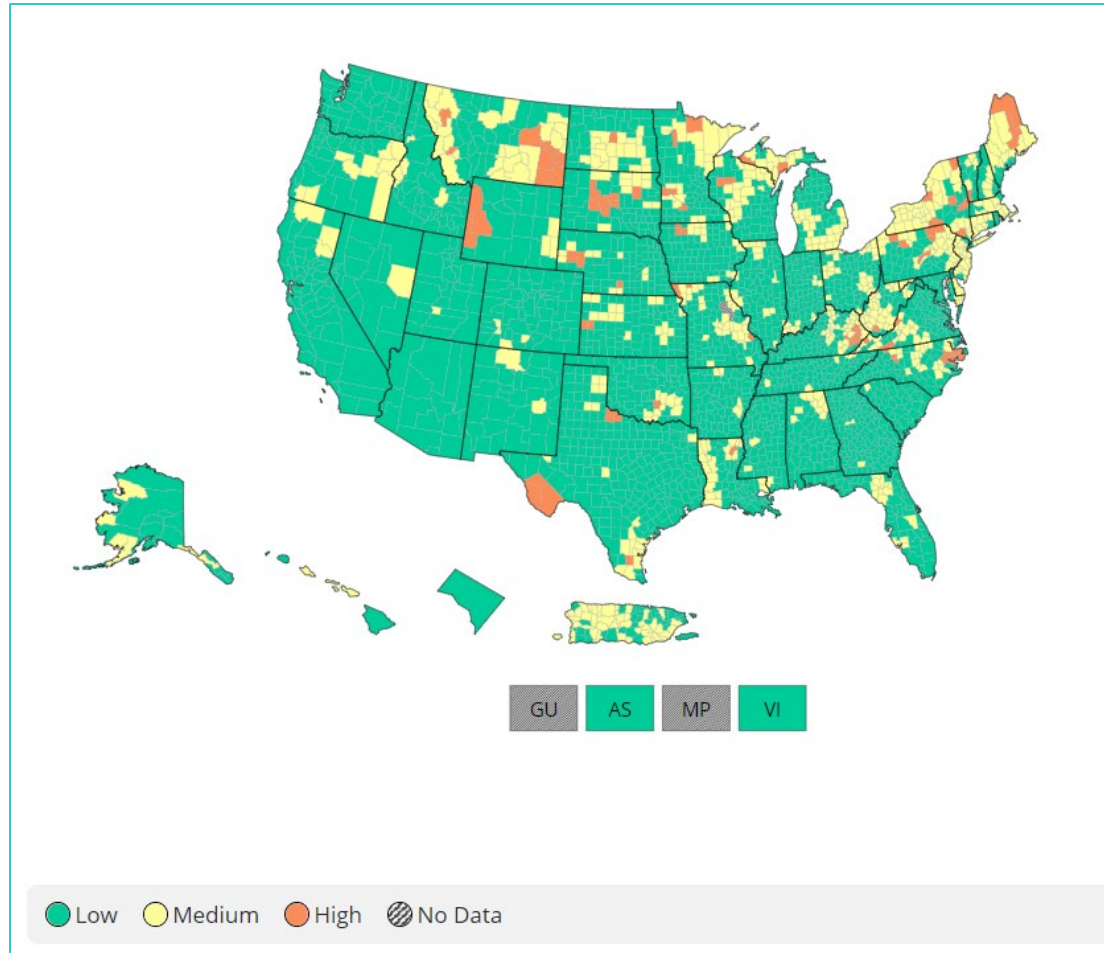
**Table 1: Testing Summary**

Testing Trigger	Staff	Residents
Symptomatic individual identified	Staff, regardless of vaccination status, with signs or symptoms must be tested.	Residents, regardless of vaccination status, with signs or symptoms must be tested.
Newly identified COVID-19 positive staff or resident in a facility that can identify close contacts	Test all staff, regardless of vaccination status, that had a higher-risk exposure with a COVID-19 positive individual.	Test all residents, regardless of vaccination status, that had close contact with a COVID-19 positive individual.
Newly identified COVID-19 positive staff or resident in a facility that is unable to identify close contacts	Test all staff, regardless of vaccination status, facility-wide or at a group level if staff are assigned to a specific location where the new case occurred (e.g., unit, floor, or other specific area(s) of the facility).	Test all residents, regardless of vaccination status, facility-wide or at a group level (e.g., unit, floor, or other specific area(s) of the facility).
Routine testing	<i>Not generally recommended</i>	Not generally recommended

# Key Changes (updated Sep. 23,2022)

- Vaccination Status is no longer used to inform source control, screening testing or post-exposure recommendations
- Standalone guidance for nursing homes has retired. Guidance applies to all U.S. settings where health care is delivered, including nursing homes and home health
- Community Transmission (not Community Levels) used to inform select IPC measures

# Community Levels vs. Community Transmission



# Updated Recommendations

## 1. Recommended routine infection prevention and control (IPC) practices during the COVID-19 pandemic

- Encourage everyone to remain up to date with all recommended COVID-19 vaccine doses
- Establish a process to identify and manage Individuals with suspected or confirmed SARS-CoV-2 Infection
- Implementing Source Control measures
  - When SARS-CoV-2 Community transmission levels are high = **source control is recommended for everyone** in health care settings when they are in areas of the facility where they could encounter patients.
  - When SARS-CoV-2 community transmission levels are not high = facilities could choose not to require universal source control. However, even if source control is not universally required, it remains recommended
- Implement universal use of personal protective equipment (PPE) for health care personnel (HCP)
- Optimize the use of engineering controls and indoor air quality
- Perform SARS-CoV-2 viral testing
- Create a process to respond to SARS-CoV-2 exposures among HCP and others

# Updated Recommendations

## 2. Recommended IPC practices when caring for a patient with suspected or confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infection

- Duration of empiric transmission-based precautions for symptomatic patients being evaluated for SARS-CoV-2 infection
- Duration of empiric transmission-based precautions for asymptomatic patients following close contact with someone with SARS-CoV-2 infection
- Patient placement
- PPE
- Aerosol-Generating Procedures (AGPs)
- Visitation
- Duration of transmission-based precautions for patients with SARS-CoV-2 infection
- Environmental infection control



# Updated Recommendations

## 3. Setting Specific Additional Considerations

### Nursing Homes

- Assign one or more individuals with training in IPC to provide on-site management of the IPC program
- Managing admissions and residents who leave the facility
- Placement of residents with suspected or confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infection
- Indoor visitation- Follow guidance from CMS
  - <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-39-nh-revised.pdf>

# Updated Recommendations

## 3. Setting Specific Additional Considerations

### Assisted Living, Group Homes and other Residential Care Settings

- In general, long-term care settings (excluding nursing homes) whose staff provide non-skilled personal care\* similar to that provided by family members in the home (e.g., many assisted living and group homes) should follow community prevention strategies based on COVID-19 Community Levels.
- Residents should be counseled about strategies to protect themselves and others, including recommendations for source control if they are immunocompromised or at high risk for severe disease
- Visiting or shared HCP who enter the setting to provide healthcare to one or more residents (e.g., physical therapy, wound care, IV injections or catheter care by a home health agency nurse) should follow health care IPC recommendations in this guidance

# Influenza Vaccination Reporting

# Influenza Vaccination Reporting Updates

As of July 29, 2022

## Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Program (SNF QRP)

### Influenza Vaccination Coverage Among Healthcare Personnel Measure

CMS is finalizing the adoption of a new process measure, the Influenza Vaccination Coverage among Healthcare Personnel (HCP) measure for the SNF QRP, beginning with the FY 2024 SNF QRP. Residents of long-term care facilities, who are often of older age, have greater susceptibility for acquiring influenza due to general frailty and comorbidities, close contact with other residents, interactions with visitors, and exposure to staff who rotate between multiple facilities. Therefore, monitoring and reporting influenza vaccination rates among HCP is important as HCP are at risk for acquiring influenza from residents and exposing residents to influenza. Given the fact that influenza vaccination coverage among HCP is typically lower in long-term care settings, such as SNFs, when compared to other care settings, we believe the measure has the potential to increase influenza vaccination coverage in SNFs, promote patient safety, and increase the transparency of quality of care in the SNF setting.

The Influenza Vaccination Coverage among HCP measure is a National Quality Forum-endorsed process measure (NQF#0431) developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to track influenza vaccination coverage among HCP in facilities such as SNFs. The measure reports on the percentage of HCP who receive an influenza vaccine any time from when it first became available through March 31 of the following year. SNFs will submit the measure data through the CDC National Healthcare Safety Network with an initial data submission period from October 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023.



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# Influenza Vaccination Reporting Updates

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Add Vaccine Data

Flu Vaccine: Residents
Flu Vaccine: HCW
COVID-19 Vaccine: HCW
COVID-19 Vaccine: Residents

### Healthcare Personnel Influenza Vaccination Summary for Long-Term Care Facilities

Facility ID #: 59979
Vaccination type \*: Influenza

Influenza subtype \*: SEASONAL - Seasonal
Influenza Season \*:

Week of Data Collection: 09/05/2022 - 09/11/2022
Date Last Modified:

	Healthcare Personnel (HCP) Categories					
	Ancillary services employees * (environmental, laundry, maintenance and dietary services)	Nurse employees * (registered nurses and licensed practical/vocational nurses)	Aide, assistant and technician employees * (certified nursing assistants, nurse aides, medication aides, and medication assistants)	Therapist employees * (respiratory, occupational, physical, speech, music etc. therapists and therapy assistants)	Physician and licensed independent practitioner employees * (physicians, residents, fellows, advanced practice nurses, physician assistants)	Other HCP Persons not included in the employee categories listed here, regardless of clinical responsibility or patient contact, including contract staff, students, and other non-employees
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 that received an influenza vaccination at this healthcare facility since influenza vaccine became available this season						
3. Cumulative number of HCP in question #1 that provided a written report or documentation of influenza vaccination outside this healthcare facility since influenza vaccine became available this season						

Vaccine Availability

\*Has your facility received its supply of influenza vaccine for the current influenza season?

\*Is your facility currently experiencing a shortage of influenza vaccine for the current influenza season?

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Cancel

# Influenza Vaccination Reporting

## Reminders for LTC facilities

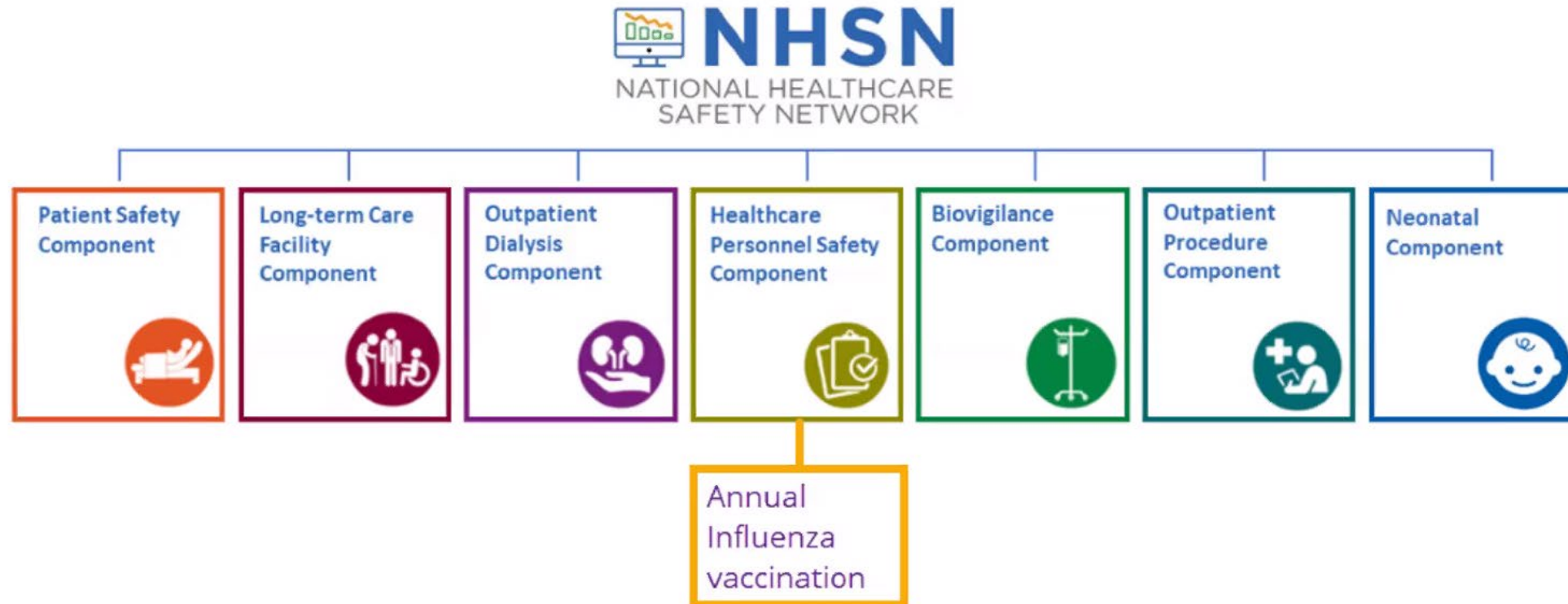
- Annual healthcare personnel influenza vaccination summary data
  - LTCFs report these data through the Healthcare Personnel Safety Component
  - ★ Reporting weekly influenza vaccination data through the LTCF Component *does not* fulfill CMS requirements ★
- Weekly COVID-19 vaccination summary data
  - LTCFs continue to report these data through the LTCF Component





# Influenza Vaccination Reporting

## NHSN Structure



# Influenza Vaccination Reporting

## Healthcare Personnel Safety (HPS) Component

- The HPS Component consists of two modules:
  - **Healthcare Personnel (HCP) Exposure Module**
    - Blood/Body Fluid Exposure Only
    - Blood/Body Fluid Exposure with Exposure Management
    - Influenza Exposure Management
  - **HCP Vaccination Module**
    - Influenza Vaccination Summary
    - COVID-19 Vaccination Summary
- The Influenza Vaccination Summary within the HCP Vaccination Module is designed to assist staff in healthcare facilities to monitor influenza vaccination percentages among HCP



# Influenza Vaccination Reporting

## Key Roles in NHSN

### ■ **NHSN Facility Administrator**

- The person enrolling the facility in NHSN
- Only person who can activate additional components for a facility
- Has add/edit/delete rights to facility data, users, and users' access
- Has authority to nominate/join groups for data sharing
- Only person who can re-assign the role of NHSN Facility Administrator to another user
- There is only one NHSN Facility Administrator per facility

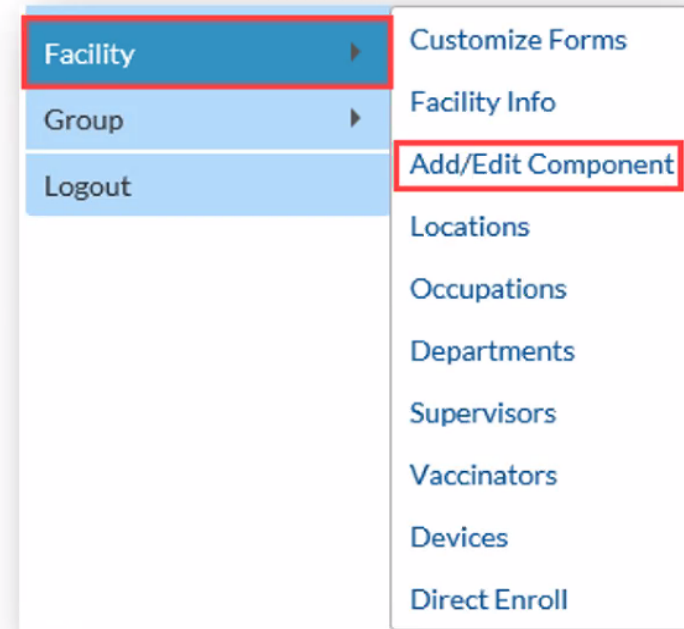
### ■ **Users**

- Rights are determined by NHSN Facility Administrator: view data, data entry, and data analysis
- May be given administrative rights
- Each facility should have at least two NHSN users (including one with NHSN Facility Administrator rights)

# Influenza Vaccination Reporting

## Activating the HPS Component

- Activating the HPS component is only necessary for facilities currently enrolled in another component
- Only a NHSN Facility Administrator can activate a new component
- Ensure that the contact information for the NHSN Facility Administrator and HPS Component Primary Contact are updated



# Influenza Vaccination Reporting

## Activating the HPS Component (cont.)

- NHSN Facility Administrator adds HPS Component Primary Contact as a user within the NHSN facility
  - Click “Users” on the navigation bar, then click “Add”
  - Complete “Add User” screen mandatory fields
    - User ID – created by the facility
    - First Name
    - Last Name
    - E-mail Address – Must be an active/correct address for the user
- Other users are added by the NHSN Facility Administrator or new HPS Component Primary Contact

# Influenza Vaccination Reporting

## Change in NHSN Facility Administrator

- NHSN Facility Administrator should transfer role to another user prior to leaving the facility!
- NHSN can add an individual as the new NHSN Facility Administrator if the previous NHSN Facility Administrator has left the facility
  - Do not re-enroll the facility in NHSN
- Complete the NHSN Facility Administrator Change Request Form  
<https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/facadmin/index.html>
- After being assigned as the new NHSN Facility Administrator, begin the new NHSN user onboarding process



# Influenza Vaccination Reporting

## HCP Influenza Vaccination Summary

- The HCP Vaccination Module allows NHSN users to report HCP influenza vaccination summary data
- HCP influenza vaccination summary data is designed to ensure that reported HCP influenza vaccination coverage is:
  - Consistent over time within a single healthcare facility
  - Comparable across facilities
- Improvements in tracking and reporting HCP vaccination status may allow for identification and targeting of unvaccinated HCP

# Influenza Vaccination Reporting

## HCP Influenza Vaccination Summary

- Data are collected on denominator and numerator categories
  - Denominator categories:
    - HCP must be physically present in the facility for at least 1 working day between October 1 through March 31
    - Includes both full-time and part-time HCP
      - Employee HCP
      - Non-employee HCP: Licensed independent practitioners (physicians, advanced practice nurses, and physician assistants)
      - Non-employee HCP: Adult students/trainees and volunteers
  - Numerator categories:
    - Influenza vaccinations, medical contraindications, declinations, and unknown status
- Facilities are required to report all numerator categories for the three denominator categories

# Influenza Vaccination Reporting

## Notes on Reporting Requirements

- Facilities are only required to report data once at the conclusion of reporting period (October 1 through March 31)
- HCP who are physically present in the facility for at least 1 working day between October 1 through March 31 are included in the denominator
- HCP in the denominator population who received an influenza vaccination during the time from when the vaccine became available (e.g., August) through March 31 of the following year are included in that category numerator

# Influenza Vaccination Reporting

## Required and Optional Reporting Forms

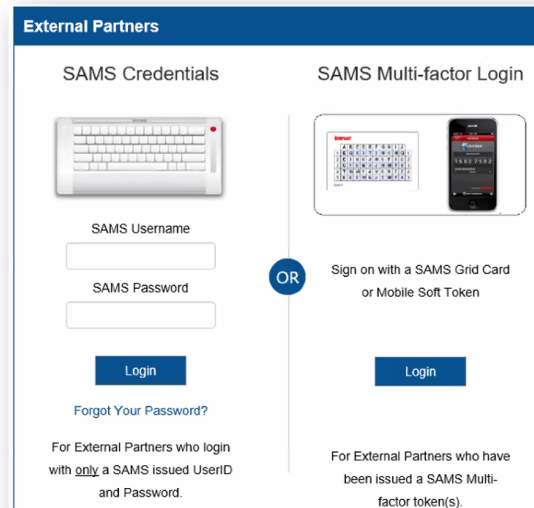
- After enrolling in NHSN and/or activating the HPS Component and adding users:
  - Complete Required Forms
    - HCP Influenza Vaccination Summary Form
  - Complete Optional Form
    - Seasonal Survey on Influenza Vaccination Programs for HCP

# Influenza Vaccination Reporting

## Log into SAMS

- You can access the activity home page by clicking:  
<https://nhsn2.cdc.gov/nhsn/>
- Level 3 SAMS access is needed to enter data into the HPS Component

For assistance with SAMS, contact the SAMS Help Desk at 1-877-681-2901 or [samshelp@cdc.gov](mailto:samshelp@cdc.gov)



**External Partners**

**SAMS Credentials**

SAMS Username

SAMS Password

Login

[Forgot Your Password?](#)

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

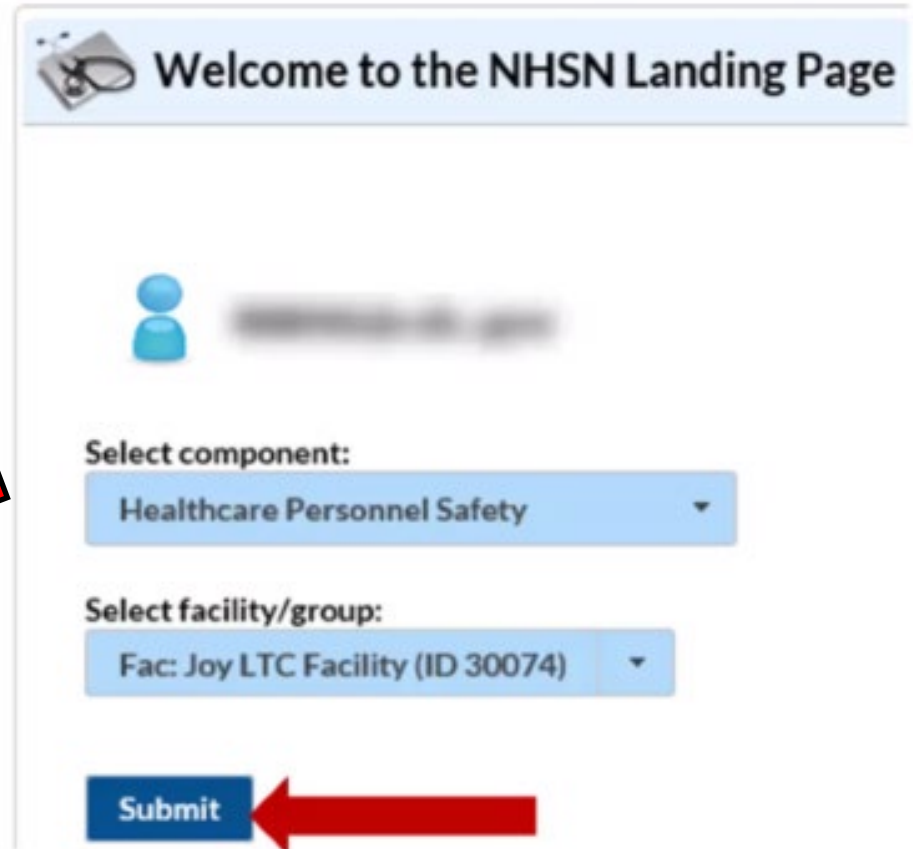
**SAMS Multi-factor Login**

Sign on with a SAMS Grid Card or Mobile Soft Token

Login

For External Partners who have been issued a SAMS Multi-factor token(s).

## NHSN Landing Page



Welcome to the NHSN Landing Page

Select component:  
Healthcare Personnel Safety

Select facility/group:  
Fac: Joy LTC Facility (ID 30074)

Submit

# Influenza Vaccination Reporting

## HCP Influenza Vaccination Summary Data

- Click “Vaccination Summary” then “Annual Vaccination Flu Summary”
- Select “Add”
- Click “Continue”

The screenshot displays the NHSN Home interface. On the left is a sidebar with a list of navigation items: NHSN Home, Alerts, Reporting Plan, HCW, Lab Test, Exposure, Prophy/Treat, Import/Export, Vaccination Summary, Surveys, and Analysis. The 'Vaccination Summary' item is highlighted with a blue background and a yellow circle with the number '1' next to it. A dropdown menu is open from 'Vaccination Summary', showing 'Annual Vaccination Flu Summary' and 'Weekly Flu Vaccination Summary'. 'Annual Vaccination Flu Summary' is highlighted with a blue background and a yellow circle with the number '2' next to it. A sub-dropdown menu is open from 'Annual Vaccination Flu Summary', showing 'Add', 'Find', and 'Incomplete'. 'Add' is highlighted with a blue background and a yellow circle with the number '3' next to it. The main content area has a header 'Add Summary Data' with a stethoscope icon. Below the header, there is a label 'Summary Data Type:' followed by a dropdown menu showing 'Influenza Vaccination Summary' with a downward arrow. At the bottom right of the main content area, there are two buttons: 'Continue' and 'Back'. The 'Continue' button is highlighted with a blue background and a yellow circle with the number '4' next to it.




# Influenza Vaccination Reporting

## HCP Influenza Vaccination Summary Data (cont.)

- “Influenza” and “Seasonal” are the default choices for vaccination type and influenza subtype
- Select appropriate flu season in drop-down box (e.g., 2022-2023)

**NHSN Home**  
Alerts  
Reporting Plan ▶  
HCW ▶  
Lab Test ▶  
Exposure ▶  
Prophy/Treat ▶  
Import/Export

 **Add Influenza Vaccination Summary**

Mandatory fields marked with \*


Record the cumulative number of healthcare personnel (HCP) for each category below for the influenza season being tracked.

Facility ID \*: Joy LTC Facility (30074)

Vaccination type \*: Influenza ▼

Influenza subtype \*: Seasonal ▼

Flu Season \*: ▼





# Influenza Vaccination Reporting

## Data Entry Screen

- Question 1 pertains to the denominator and questions 2-6 pertain to the numerator
- The asterisks indicate required columns that must be completed
- Use the “Comments” box to enter any additional information
- Data must be entered by May 15
  - Only data entered into the HPS Component will be submitted to CMS
  - Weekly influenza vaccination data entered into the Long-term Care Facility Component will **not** be submitted

HCP categories	Employee HCP	Non-Employee HCP		
	Employees (staff on facility payroll) *	Licensed independent practitioners: Physicians, advanced practice nurses, & physician assistants *	Adult students/trainees & volunteers *	Other Contract Personnel
1. Number of HCP who worked at this healthcare facility for at least 1 day between October 1 and March 31	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
2. Number of HCP who received an influenza vaccine at this healthcare facility since influenza vaccine became available this season	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
3. Number of HCP who provided a written report or documentation of influenza vaccination outside this healthcare facility since influenza vaccine became available this season	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
4. Number of HCP who have a medical contraindication to the influenza vaccine	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
5. Number of HCP who declined to receive the influenza vaccine	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
6. Number of HCP with unknown vaccination status (or criteria not met for questions 2-5 above)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

# Influenza Vaccination Reporting

## Saving HCP Influenza Vaccination Data

- Click “Save” to save the data

Date Last Modified: 08/26/2022

HCP categories	Employee HCP	Non-Employee HCP		
	Employees (staff on facility payroll) *	Licensed independent practitioners: Physicians, advanced practice nurses, & physician assistants *	Adult students/ trainees & volunteers *	Other Contract Personnel
1. Number of HCP who worked at this healthcare facility for at least 1 day between October 1 and March 31	100	100	50	0
2. Number of HCP who received an influenza vaccine at this healthcare facility since influenza vaccine became available this season	100	100	50	0
3. Number of HCP who provided a written report or documentation of influenza vaccination outside this healthcare facility since influenza vaccine became available this season	0	0	0	0
4. Number of HCP who have a medical contraindication to the influenza vaccine	0	0	0	0
5. Number of HCP who declined to receive the influenza vaccine	0	0	0	0
6. Number of HCP with unknown vaccination status (or criteria not met for questions 2-5 above)	0	0	0	0

Custom Fields

Comments

Save


Delete


Back

# Influenza Vaccination Reporting

## Editing HCP Influenza Vaccination Data

- For each update of the data after the initial entry, a message will indicate that a record of the summary data already exists
- The “Date Last Modified” shows when the data were last entered

 View Influenza Vaccination Summary

 A record for the selected summary data element already exists.

Mandatory fields marked with \*

Record the cumulative number of healthcare personnel (HCP) for each category below for the influenza season being tracked.

Facility ID \*: Joy LTC Facility (30074)

Vaccination type \*: Influenza

Influenza subtype \*: Seasonal

Flu Season \*: 2022/2023

Date Last Modified: 08/26/2022

HCP categories		Employee HCP	
		Employees (staff on facility payroll) *	Licensed independent practitioners: Physicians, advanced practice nurses, & physician assistants *

# Influenza Vaccination Reporting

## Editing HCP Influenza Vaccination Data (cont.)

- Click “Edit” to modify existing data

Date Last Modified: 08/26/2022

HCP categories	Employee HCP	Non-Employee HCP		
	Employees (staff on facility payroll) *	Licensed independent practitioners: Physicians, advanced practice nurses, & physician assistants *	Adult students/ trainees & volunteers *	Other Contract Personnel
1. Number of HCP who worked at this healthcare facility for at least 1 day between October 1 and March 31	100	100	50	0
2. Number of HCP who received an influenza vaccine at this healthcare facility since influenza vaccine became available this season	100	100	50	0
3. Number of HCP who provided a written report or documentation of influenza vaccination outside this healthcare facility since influenza vaccine became available this season	0	0	0	0
4. Number of HCP who have a medical contraindication to the influenza vaccine	0	0	0	0
5. Number of HCP who declined to receive the influenza vaccine	0	0	0	0
6. Number of HCP with unknown vaccination status (or criteria not met for questions 2-5 above)	0	0	0	0

Custom Fields

Comments

[Edit](#) [Delete](#) [Back](#)

# Influenza Vaccination Reporting

## The NHSN Website

Visit: [HCP Flu Vaccination | HPS | NHSN | CDC](#) for training materials:

- Protocol
- Data collection forms
- Frequently asked questions (FAQs)
- Training slides

[SNFQualityQuestions@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:SNFQualityQuestions@cms.hhs.gov)

### Questions or Need Help?



E-mail user support at: [nhsn@cdc.gov](mailto:nhsn@cdc.gov)

Please include “HPS Flu Summary” in the subject line of the e-mail and specify “Long-term care facility”

# Influenza Vaccination Reporting

## Key Things to Remember:

- The deadline to enter data is May 15
  - Reporting period - Oct 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023
- Reporting influenza vaccination data via weekly LTCF component **WILL NOT** fulfill CMS requirement
- Reach out to [SNFQualityQuestions@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:SNFQualityQuestions@cms.hhs.gov) if you are unsure if your facility is required to report
- There is no requirement (CMS) to report annual influenza vaccination for residents. Only Staff/HCP

# Other NHSN Updates



# Other Recent NHSN Updates

10/7/22

Dear NHSN Users,

We wanted to provide an update that the new up to date definition and the updated (bivalent) boosters have now been incorporated into the Person-Level (Event-Level) Vaccination Forms.

The updates that were completed this morning include:

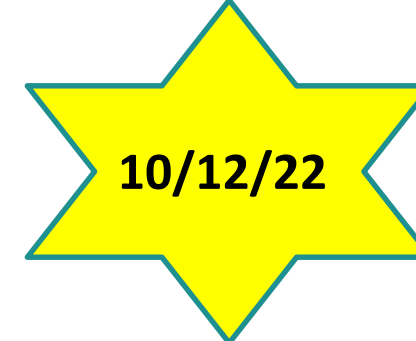
- Adding the updated (bivalent) boosters to all booster dose manufacturer fields
- Adding Novavax to the primary series dose manufacturer fields
- Adding booster dose 4 and booster dose 5 fields
- Incorporating the new up to date definition for reporting weeks beginning 9/26/22

The forms will be temporarily taken offline tonight (10/7/22) at 7PM Eastern to complete the final steps:

- Reclassifying booster doses received from 8/31/22-10/7/22 as updated (bivalent) boosters
- Re-calculating the number of individuals who are up to date according to the new definition for the weeks of 9/26/22-10/2/22 and 10/3/22-10/9/22 if data were previously submitted using the person-level vaccination forms for those weeks (before the new definition was added on 10/7/22).

Please do not attempt to enter or modify person-level vaccination data around 7PM Eastern tonight (10/7/22) as the forms will be temporarily unavailable. No further action is required from the users for these updates to occur. Thank you for your patience and continued partnership.

# Other Recent NHSN Updates



Dear NHSN Users,

We would like to provide a reminder that the demographics fields (gender, race, and ethnicity) in the Person-Level (Event-Level) Vaccination Forms will become required in order to save and submit data as of Monday, October 24, 2022.

These fields will be required for all individuals without an end date or discharge date. These fields will not be required for individuals who are no longer in the facility (i.e., those with an end date or discharge date). Please keep in mind that you may select 'Unknown' if you are unable to obtain this information.

## NHSN Resources: Person-Level Vaccination Forms

### Training:

- [NHSN Person-Level \(Event-Level\) Vaccination Forms: September Release Updates – September 2022](#)

### CSV Materials:

- [Variable description and file layout for event-level \(person-level\) vaccination forms \[PDF – 213 KB\]](#) – October 2022
- [.CSV File Template for LTCF Residents \[XLS – 17 KB\]](#) – October 2022
- [Example .CSV File for LTCF Residents \[XLS – 18 KB\]](#) – October 2022
- [.CSV File Template for LTCF HCP \[XLS – 17 KB\]](#) – October 2022
- [Example .CSV File for LTCF HCP \[XLS – 18 KB\]](#) – October 2022

If you have any questions, please reach out to [nhsn@cdc.gov](mailto:nhsn@cdc.gov) and include the subject line “Person-Level Vaccination Forms”.

# Other Recent NHSN Updates

## NHSN resources

Guidance document on understanding key terms for reporting COVID-19 vaccination data, including up to date vaccination status:

[Covid-19 Up to Date Vaccination Guidance \(cdc.gov\)](#)

Slide set on reporting up to date COVID-19 vaccination status:

<https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/ltc/covidvax/ltc-vaccination-surveillance-definition-sept-2022-508.pdf>

Slide set on the latest Person-Level Vaccination Forms training:

<https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/ltc/covidvax/event-hours-faq-sept-508.pdf>

Sincerely,

NHSN Vaccination Team

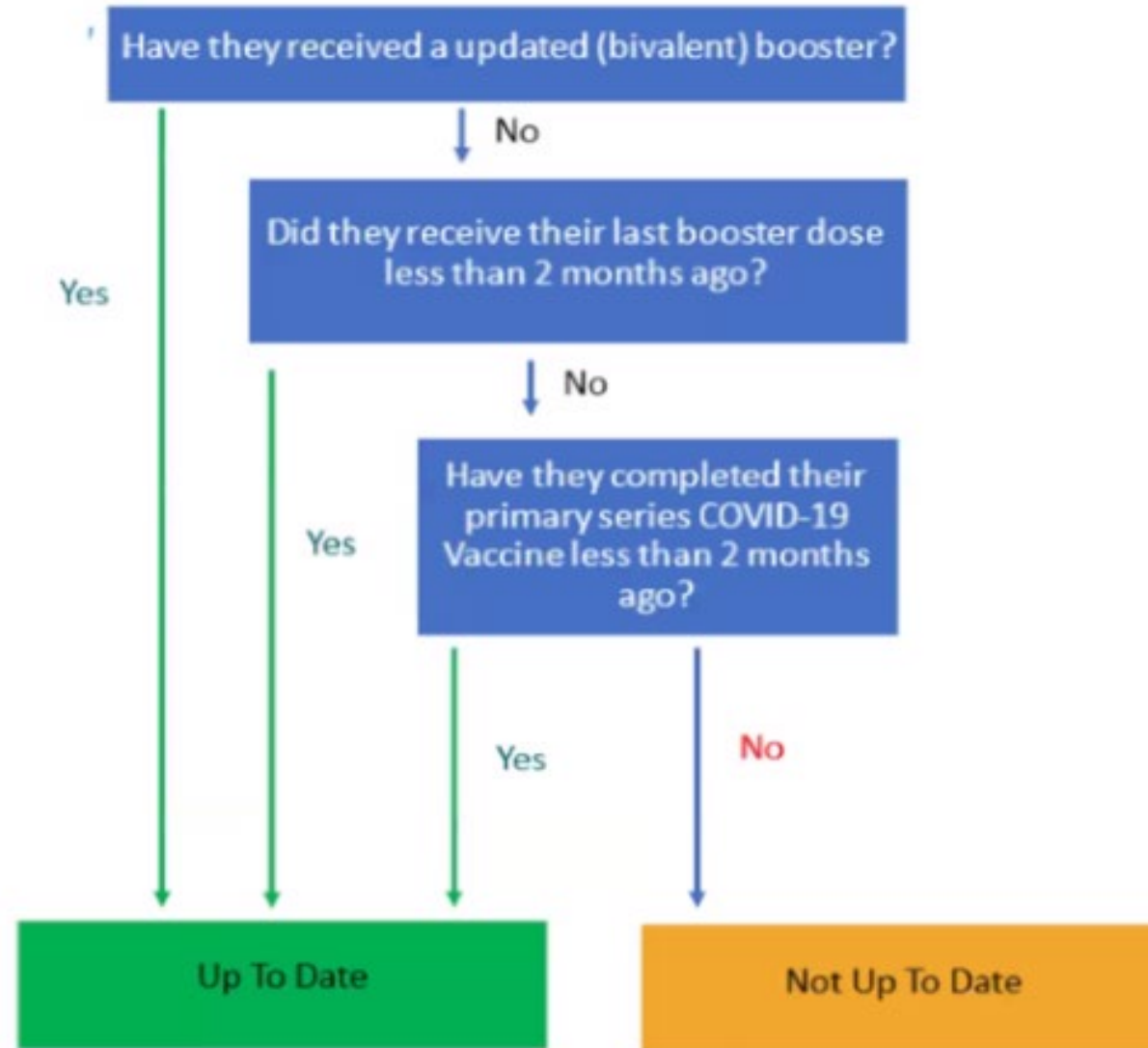
# Up to Date Definition Change

## Changes in Reporting Definitions

Reporting periods for COVID-19 vaccination data

- Quarter 2 of 2022 (May 30, 2022 [*NHSN release date*] – June 26, 2022)
- Quarter 3 of 2022 (June 27, 2022 – September 25, 2022)
- Quarter 4 of 2022 (September 26, 2022- December 25th, 2022)
  - **Up to Date vaccination was updated in September 2022**
    - Facilities should use the definition modified in September to report data for Quarter 4 of 2022 (September 26, 2022- December 25, 2022)

# Flow Chart: Up to Date with COVID-19 Vaccines



# Example of How to Report: Up to Date

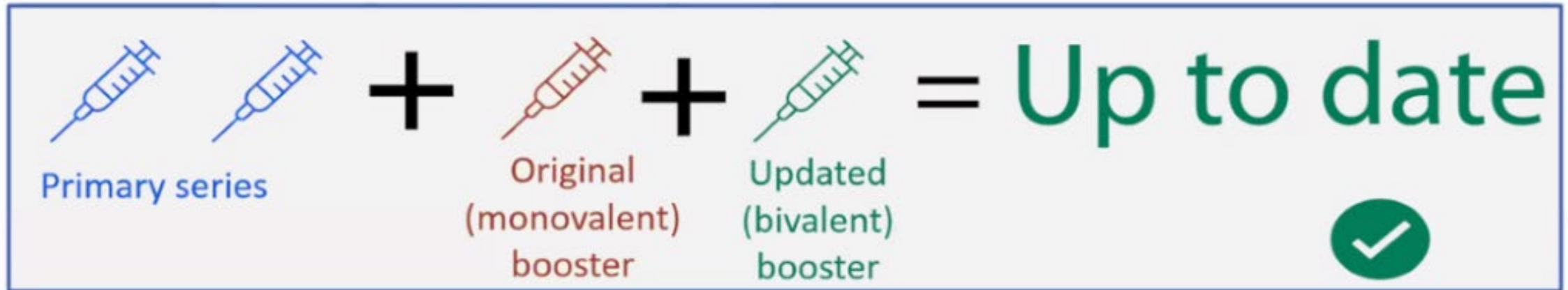
Cumulative Vaccination Coverage	
1. * Number of residents staying in this facility for at least 1 day during the week of data collection	40
2. * <u>Cumulative number</u> of residents in Question #1 who have received primary series COVID-19 vaccine(s) at this facility or elsewhere since December 2020:	
2.1 * Only 1 dose of a two-dose Primary COVID-19 vaccine series	2
2.2 * Any completed Primary COVID-19 vaccine series	30
3. * <u>Cumulative number</u> of residents in Question #1 with other conditions:	
3.1 * Medical contraindication to COVID-19 vaccine	0
3.2 * Offered but declined COVID-19 vaccine	3
3.3 * Unknown COVID-19 vaccination status	0
4. * Cumulative number of residents with complete primary series vaccine in Question #2 who have received any booster(s) or additional dose(s) of COVID-19 vaccine since August 2021	25
4.1 * Cumulative number of residents in Question #4 who have received <u>only one booster dose</u> of COVID-19 vaccine since August 2021	15
4.2 * Cumulative number of residents in Question #4 who received <u>two or more booster doses</u> of COVID-19 vaccine, and the most recent dose was received since March 29, 2022	5
Question 5 asks about individuals who are <b>up to date</b> . Please review the current definition of <a href="#">up to date</a> .	
5. * Cumulative number of residents in question #2 who are <b>up to date</b> with COVID-19 vaccines	26





## Example #1

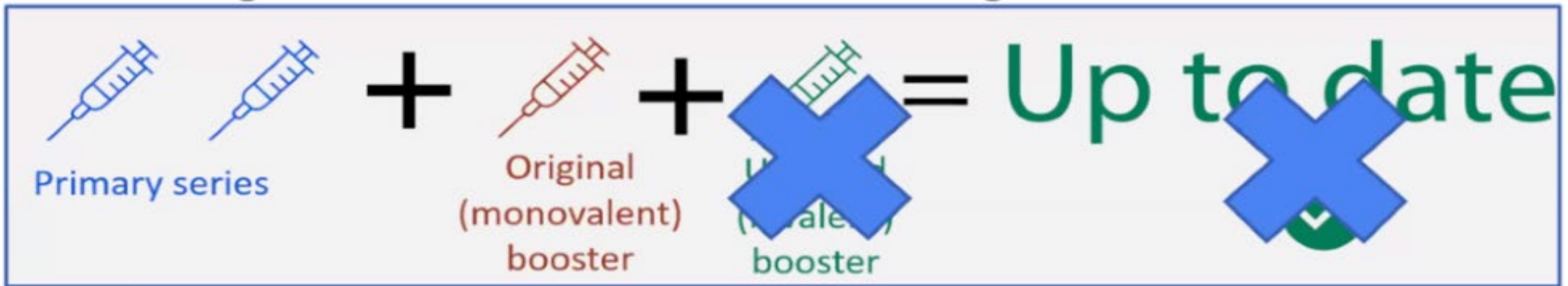
- Tom received 2 doses of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine and one original (monovalent) booster dose of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine 4.5 months ago. Tom also received an updated (bivalent) booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine 2 months ago
  - Yes, Tom is up to date with COVID-19 vaccines because he received an updated bivalent booster dose.





## Example #2

- Sandy received 2 doses of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine and one original (monovalent) booster dose of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine 2.5 months ago
  - No, Sandy is not up to date with COVID-19 vaccine because she has not yet received an updated bivalent booster, and her most recent original booster was more than 2 months ago.



# SAMS & NHCN Tips

FAQ	NHSN Response
I need a temporary enrollment number to enroll my facility. <b>Each newly enrolled facility must have a unique enrollment number.</b> There is a one-to-one relationship between a CDC enrollment number and a facility.	Please contact <a href="mailto:nhsn@cdc.gov">nhsn@cdc.gov</a>
I need to change email address in NHSN. I need to change email address in SAMS.	Please review guidance: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/gen-support/edit-email-sams-facility-508.pdf">https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/gen-support/edit-email-sams-facility-508.pdf</a>
I have an active profile in SAMS and have been added to the facility, but I still do not have access to my NHSN facility.	Please confirm with your NHSN Facility Admin that your email address in NHSN is identical to your SAMS email address and does not contain any typos. The emails must be identical for you have access to NHSN. (Users must check their SAMS email address)
If the Facility Admin is no longer available and I need access to the facility.	<a href="https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/facadmin/index.html">https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/facadmin/index.html</a>

I need to add an additional user to my facility.	<p>How do I add a user to my facility? After selecting NHSN reporting, please go to the left navigational bar and click on Users&gt;ADD and complete the required fields (marked with *) and SAVE at the bottom of the page. You will then be prompted to assign the new user rights that they will need to utilize NHSN. Click on SAVE at the bottom of page. Please check to ensure that you have made them an Active User.</p> <p>(If they don't have SAMS yet) Shortly after being added, they should receive an email confirmation, also asking your new user to click on the corresponding link, to agree to the Rules of Behavior. Once they agree to the Rules of Behavior, our system gets prompted automatically to submit an invite to your user for SAMS.</p>
I have not received my SAMS invite.	Please check your junk mail or spam folder. Look for an email with the subject line "SAMS Partner Portal – Identity Verification Request Form" from SAMS-no-reply@cdc.gov.

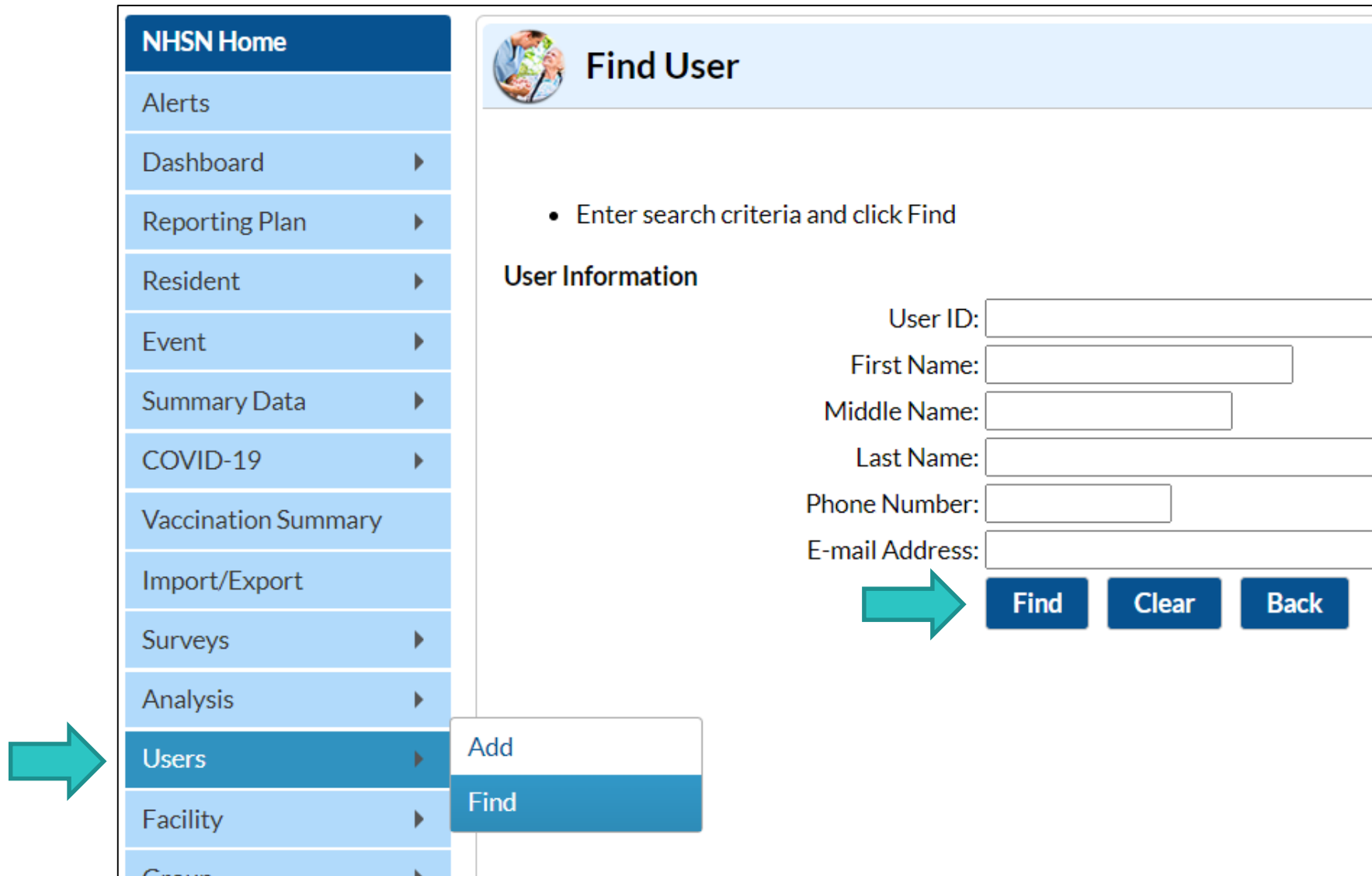
# Confirm Facility Admin and Primary Contact

Facility > Facility Info > Scroll down and review the facility admin and long-term care primary contact. If the users are no longer there, deactivate them. For the facility admin, complete the [Change Facility Admin Form](#).

Analysis	▶				
Users	▶				
Facility	▶	Customize Forms			
Group	▶	Facility Info			
Logout		Add/Edit Component			
		Locations			

Contact Information					
	Contact Type	Contact Name	Phone No.+ext	Email	Action
Edit	Facility Administrator				Reassign
Edit	Long Term Care Facility Primary Contact				Reassign

# Clean Up the Users in Your NHSN Account



**NHSN Home**

- Alerts
- Dashboard ▶
- Reporting Plan ▶
- Resident ▶
- Event ▶
- Summary Data ▶
- COVID-19 ▶
- Vaccination Summary
- Import/Export
- Surveys ▶
- Analysis ▶
- Users ▶**
- Facility ▶
- Group ▶

**Find User**

- Enter search criteria and click Find

**User Information**

User ID:

First Name:


Middle Name:

Last Name:

Phone Number:

E-mail Address:

# Deactivate Users Who No Longer Need Access

Users List

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Deactivate	Name	Title	User ID	User Type	Active
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jennifer			NU - Nurse	Y
<input type="checkbox"/>	Johnson			ON	Y
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mirana	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR		OTH - Other	Y
<input type="checkbox"/>	Robin			OTH - Other	Y
<input type="checkbox"/>	Crystal			ICP - Infection Control Professional	Y
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gray			OTH - Other	N
<input type="checkbox"/>					N
<input type="checkbox"/>	Heather			ER	N

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AddBack

Check the box beside their name and click **Deactivate**.

# OR Go to the Contact Page and Click User Active “No”

Mandatory fields marked with \*

User ID \*: MJOHNSON Up to 32 le

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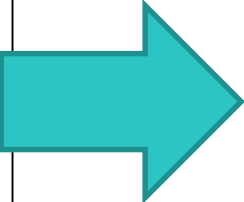
Prefix:

First Name \*: Marilee

Middle Name:

Last Name \*: Johnson

Title:

User Active: N - No 

User Type:

Phone Number \*:  331

Fax Number:

E-mail Address \*: MARILEE.JOHNSON@ALLIANTQUALITY.ORG

User > Find > Find > Click on the user account.  
Click Edit.  
Then change the User Active to NO.  
Select "Save"




# Ensure Users Are Assigned Rights

Rights	Long Term Care Facility
Administrator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
All Rights	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Analyze Data	<input type="checkbox"/>
Add, Edit, Delete	<input type="checkbox"/>
View Data	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staff/Visitor - Add, Edit, Delete	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Staff/Visitor - View	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Customize Rights	<input type="checkbox"/>

Hint: Double-check to ensure users have administrator rights, if applicable. If you don't have admin rights, you will be unable to add users or perform key tasks to maintain the functionality of your account.

# I Forgot My Password. How Do I Reset?

**SAMS Credentials**



SAMS Username

SAMS Password

**Login**

[Forgot Your Password?](#)

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

**SAMS**  
secure access management services

**Forgotten Password Reset: Please enter the following to identify yourself**

• = Required

User ID

**OK** **Cancel**

**SAMS**  
secure access management services

**Forgotten Password Reset: Please enter the following to verify your identity**

• = Required

User ID	<input type="text" value="Marilee.Johnson@alliantquality.org"/>	
First Name	<input type="text" value="Marilee"/>	
Last Name	<input type="text" value="Johnson"/>	
Q1	<input type="text" value="Color of your first car"/>	• Answer <input type="text"/>
Q2	<input type="text" value="Name of your third grade teacher"/>	• Answer <input type="text"/>
Q3	<input type="text" value="Your mother's middle name"/>	• Answer <input type="text"/>
Q4	<input type="text" value="Month of your father's birthday"/>	• Answer <input type="text"/>
Q5	<input type="text" value="The first concert you attended"/>	• Answer <input type="text"/>

**OK** **Cancel**

HINT: The USER ID is the email address you use to sign into the SAMS login.

Do you know your security questions? You must answer using correct capitalization.

# If You Don't Remember Your Security Questions

You must request the SAMS help desk to terminate your account. Then, email [nhsn@cdc.gov](mailto:nhsn@cdc.gov) and request a new invitation to register. Include your email address and first and last name.

Why risk this? Print out or screenshot your security questions and save them in a secure location. Log in to <https://sams.cdc.gov> SAMS credential > Click on Modify My Identity Data to view your answers.

The diagram illustrates the process of logging into SAMS and accessing the 'Modify My Identity Data' page. It starts with a login screen where a user selects 'SAMS Credentials' and enters their username and password. A teal arrow points from the 'SAMS Credentials' option to the 'Modify My Identity Data' link in the 'Tasks' menu. Another teal arrow points from the 'Modify My Identity Data' link to the 'Modify My Identity Data' page, which displays various personal information fields and a section for security questions and answers.

**Choose a login option**

**External Partners**

**SAMS Credentials**

SAMS Username  
Marilee.Johnson@alliantc

SAMS Password  
.....

**Login**

**SAMS secure access management services**

**Tasks**

- Home
- Cancel Email Change
- Change My Email
- Change My Password
- Modify My Identity Data
- View Email Change
- View My Roles

•City [Redacted]  
•State North Carolina  
•Postal Code [Redacted]  
•Country United States

•Primary Phone 919-695-8331  
Alternate Phone

Your answers to the following questions will be used to verify your identity should you forget your password. Answers may not contain any part of the question.

Question:	Answer:
•Q1 Your mother's middle name	•A1 [Redacted]
•Q2 Name of your third grade teacher	•A2 [Redacted]
•Q3 Month of your father's birthday	•A3 [Redacted]
•Q4 The first concert you attended	•A4 [Redacted]
•Q5 Color of your first car	•A5 [Redacted]

# Questions or Need Help?

Please submit questions by email to [nhsn@cdc.gov](mailto:nhsn@cdc.gov) and put the module in the subject line for a faster response.

Facilities can contact CMS with questions about reporting requirements and quality reporting:

- Long-term care facilities weekly reporting:  
[DNH\\_TriageTeam@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:DNH_TriageTeam@cms.hhs.gov)
- Skilled nursing facilities quality reporting program: [SNFQualityQuestions@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:SNFQualityQuestions@cms.hhs.gov)

# Questions?



# Thank You for Your Time!

## Contact the Patient Safety Team



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# Mark Your Calendar!

## Shop Talk

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 2 p.m. ET



### Registration Links:

[Thursday, November 17, 2022](#)

[Thursday, December 15, 2022](#)

Visit our website for more info:

<https://quality.allianthealth.org/topic/shop-talks/>



# Nursing Home and Partnership for Community Health: CMS 12th SOW GOALS



## OPIOID UTILIZATION AND MISUSE

- Promote opioid best practices
- 
- Reduce opioid adverse drug events in all settings



## PATIENT SAFETY

- Reduce hospitalizations due to c. diff
- 
- Reduce adverse drug events
- 
- Reduce facility acquired infections



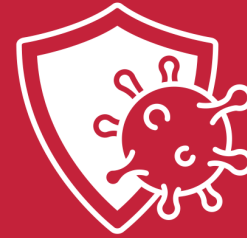
## CHRONIC DISEASE SELF- MANAGEMENT

- Increase instances of adequately diagnosed and controlled hypertension
- 
- Increase use of cardiac rehabilitation programs
- 
- Reduce instances of uncontrolled diabetes
- 
- Identify patients at high-risk for kidney disease and improve outcomes



## CARE COORDINATION

- Convene community coalitions
- 
- Reduce avoidable readmissions, admissions to hospitals and preventable emergency department visits
- 
- Identify and promote optimal care for super utilizers



## COVID-19

- Support nursing homes by establishing a safe visitor policy and cohort plan
- 
- Provide virtual events to support infection control and prevention
- 
- Support nursing homes and community coalitions with emergency preparedness plans



## IMMUNIZATION

- Increase influenza, pneumococcal, and COVID-19 vaccination rates



## TRAINING

- Encourage completion of infection control and prevention trainings by front line clinical and management staff

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