

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
- NHSN Updates
- Influenza Vaccination Reporting
- SAMS and NHSN Tips
- Questions and Answers

Make Sure You Have 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

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Memberships

Groups that have access to this facility's data

- Alliant Health Solutions - LTC (83378) **Confer Rights**
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Enter ID and Password for this facility to join a new group

Group ID:

Group Joining Password: **Join Group**

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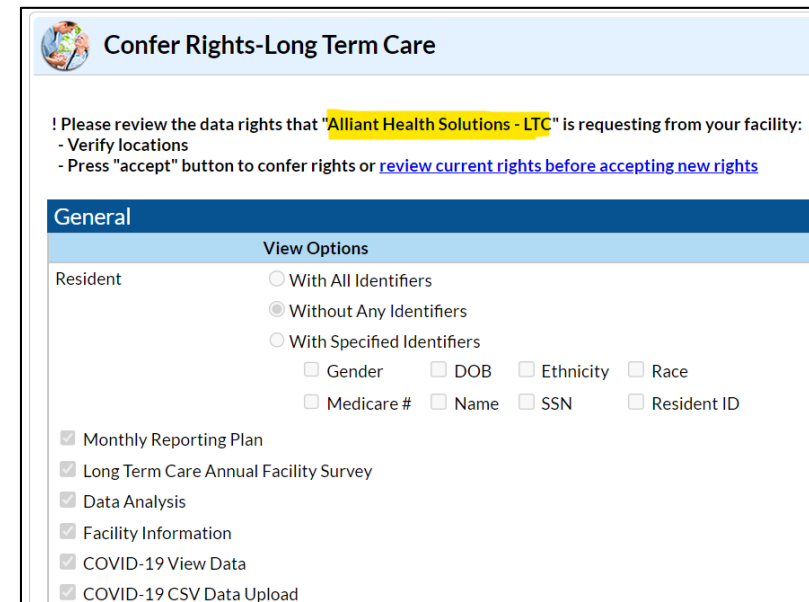
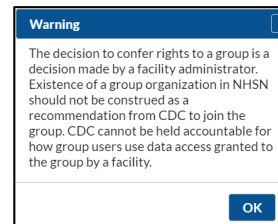
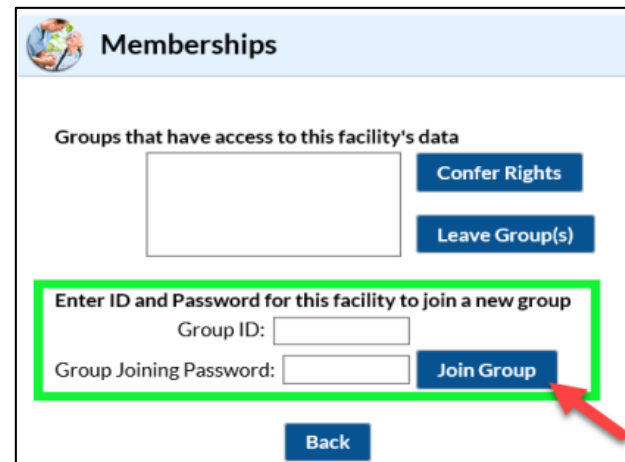
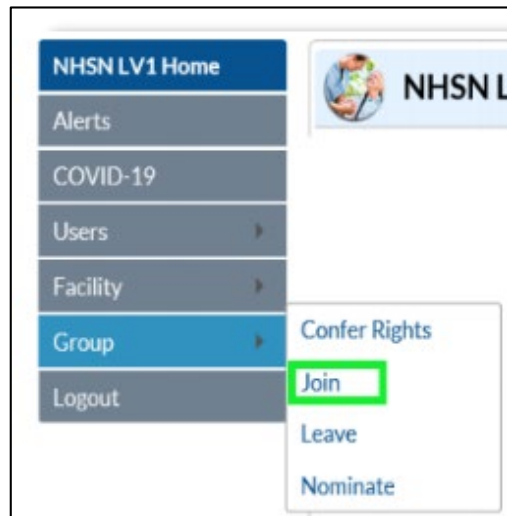
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Join and Confer Rights to Alliant Health Solutions

Group Name: Alliant Health Solutions-LTC

Group ID: 83378

Joining Password: Alliant20!



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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-xNHspWHhLlIrcqLGlzXZPljIF>

[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?](#)



NHSN COVID-19 Person-Level (Event-Level) Updates

Register for Upcoming Webinar

This email is intended for Facility and Group users of the Long Term Care Component (LTC) of NHSN.

Dear NHSN Users,

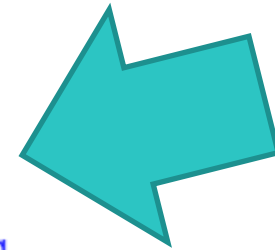
The CDC National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) Vaccination Unit is providing a webinar on **Monday, September 12, 2022, at 1:00 PM Eastern Time** to review recent changes and updates to the Person-Level (Event-Level) COVID-19 Vaccination Forms for residents and healthcare personnel of long-term care facilities.

Registration

When: Monday, September 12, 2022, at 1:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Updates to the NHSN Event-Level (Person-Level) COVID-19 Vaccination Forms

Registration link: https://cdc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_8GdG-nfnQRGF6AeVNth7mg



Event/Person Level Updates

Updates

In advance of this webinar, we wanted to provide a brief summary of updates to the Person-Level (Event-Level) COVID-19 Vaccination Forms.

1. Enhanced security for person-level staff vaccination data
 - **Action item for users:** If a user is not a facility administrator (FA) and submits person-level vaccination data for healthcare workers, the **user must have the 'Staff/Visitor- Add, Edit, Delete' and 'Staff/Visitor- view' boxes checked under user rights by 9/12 in order to continue submitting person-level staff vaccination data.** A FA or a user with administrator rights can grant these additional rights to users.
 - No change to FA rights; FAs will continue to have access to these data
2. Beginning on Monday, September 12th, the NHSN Person-Level (Event-Level) Vaccination Forms will link matching records to the other person-level/event-level records entered in the NHSN Long-term Care Facility Component (e.g., POC Tool, LabID Events). These other person-level records are stored in underlying, main resident and staff lists in NHSN. Matches are determined by resident/staff ID, name, and date of birth.

Event/Person-Level Updates

- For existing records entered before 9/12/22:
- Records with a **perfect match** to an individual on an underlying main resident or staff list will be auto-linked, and gender, race, and ethnicity will be filled in. To prepare for this auto-linkage, please review the resident and staff IDs entered and ensure they match the IDs used for the same individuals if they were entered on other person-level forms.
- Records with an **imperfect match** can be manually linked using a new Link button, and gender, race, and ethnicity will be filled in.
- Records **without a match**: users can optionally enter gender, race, and ethnicity.
- For new records entered on/after 9/12/22:
- Records **with a match** can be linked using new Find and Link buttons, and gender, race, and ethnicity will be filled in.
- Records **without a match**: users will be required to enter gender, race, and ethnicity to save and submit.

Thank you for your efforts with submitting COVID-19 vaccination data through NHSN.

Sincerely,

NHSN Vaccination Team

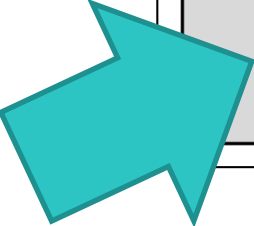
NHSN “Up to Date” Update

Definition of Up To Date for NHSN Surveillance

Review the definition of Up To Date using this [link](#) in your weekly vaccine summary.

Many examples of Up To Date are provided in the document linked above, as well as the previous definition and examples from reporting period Quarter 4, 2021.

The current definition through Sept. 25, 2022:



Up to Date	Question 5 asks about individuals who are up to date. Please review the current definition of up to date: https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/hps/covidvax/UpToDateGuidance-May2022-508.pdf
	5. * Cumulative number of residents in question #2 who are <u>up to date</u> with COVID-19 vaccines

Remember! The NHSN Surveillance definition of Up to Date for reporting purposes differs from the infection prevention guidelines for isolation/quarantine.

Current Up To Date Definition (June 27, 2022)

Reporting Period Quarter 3 2022 (June 27, 2022 – September 25, 2022)

The following definitions apply when reporting data through the NHSN COVID-19 Vaccination Modules for the reporting period of Quarter 3, 2022 (representing vaccination data for June 27, 2022 – September 25, 2022).

Up to date with COVID-19 vaccines (Please note that changes for Quarter 3 2022 are highlighted in yellow.)

Individuals are considered up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines during the surveillance period of **June 27, 2022 through September 25, 2022** for the purpose of NHSN surveillance if they meet (1) of the following criteria*:

If Under 50 Years:	If 50 Years and Older:
<p>Received at least one booster dose</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>or</u></p> <p>Recently received all recommended doses in the primary vaccine series but is not yet eligible for a booster dose. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Those who completed their 2-dose primary series of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna) less than 5 months ago. b) Those who received a single dose of Janssen less than two months ago. 	<p>Received second booster dose (<u>or</u> received first booster dose less than 4 months ago and not yet eligible for a second booster dose)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>or</u></p> <p>Recently received all recommended doses in the primary vaccine series** but is not yet eligible for a booster dose. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Those who completed their 2-dose primary series of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna) less than 5 months ago. b) Those who received a single dose of Janssen less than two months ago.

*Reference this definition on the CDC website regularly.

<https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/hps/covidvax/UpToDateGuidance-May2022-508.pdf> (Last updated 8/17/22)

New?? Up To Date Definition (Sep 2, 2022)

When Are You Up to Date?

You are **up to date** with your COVID-19 vaccines if you have completed a COVID-19 vaccine primary series and received the most recent booster dose recommended for you by CDC.

Vaccine recommendations are based on your age, the vaccine you first received, and time since last dose. People who are moderately or severely immunocompromised have [different recommendations for COVID-19 vaccines.](#)

Find Out When You Can Get Your Booster



Boosters are an important part of protecting yourself from getting seriously ill or dying from COVID-19. They are recommended for most people.

Use this tool to determine when or if you (or your child) can get one or more COVID-19 boosters.

[Find Out When to Get a Booster >](#)

This tool is intended to help you make decisions about getting COVID-19 vaccinations. It should not be used to diagnose or treat COVID-19.

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How old are you (or your child)?

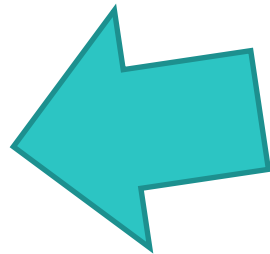
6 months–4 years

5–11 years

12–17 years

18–49 years

50 years and older



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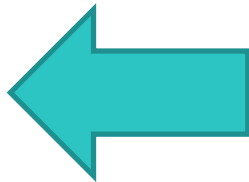
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Do you have a weakened immune system (are you moderately or severely immunocompromised)?

Yes

No



People are considered to be moderately or severely immunocompromised due to several types of conditions and treatments. Examples include:

- Been receiving active cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood
- Received an organ transplant and are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- Received chimeric antigen receptor (CAR)-T-cell therapy (a treatment to help your immune system attach to and kill cancer cells) or received a stem cell transplant (within the last 2 years)
- Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (such as DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome)

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Which vaccine doses did you receive for your primary series?

2 doses of an mRNA vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna)

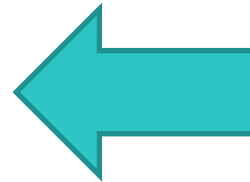
1 dose of Johnson & Johnson's Janssen

2 doses of Novavax

A different vaccine outside the United States

A different vaccine as part of a research study

None of the above



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Find Out When You Can Get Your Booster

Have you had an updated booster?

Yes

No



<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html> (Last updated 9/2/22)

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Find Out When You Can Get Your Booster

Your responses

- Age: 50 years or older
- Primary series: Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna
- Updated booster received: yes



You are [up to date](#) with your COVID-19 vaccines. At this time, you are not eligible for additional doses.

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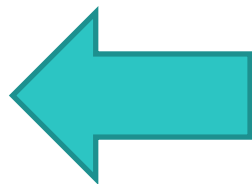
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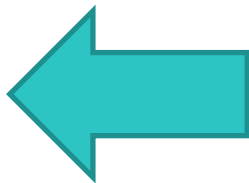
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Has it been 2 months or longer since your last COVID-19 vaccine?

Yes

No



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Find Out When You Can Get Your Booster

Your responses

- Age: 50 years or older
- Primary series: Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna
- Updated booster received: no
- Length of time since last COVID-19 vaccine: At least 2 months ago

Based on your responses, you should also get an **updated booster**.



You are considered [up to date](#) with your COVID-19 vaccines immediately after getting your updated booster.

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Find Out When You Can Get Your Booster

Your responses

- Age: 50 years or older
- Primary series: Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna
- Updated booster received: no
- Length of time since last COVID-19 vaccine: Less than 2 months ago

You are up to date with your COVID-19 vaccines.

You should also get an **updated booster** once it has been at least **2 months** since your last COVID-19 vaccine.



New?? Up To Date Definition (Sep 2, 2022)

Pfizer-BioNTech

AGE GROUP
18-49 YEARS

1st Dose PRIMARY SERIES	2nd Dose PRIMARY SERIES 3-8 weeks after 1st dose ^[1]	3rd Dose UPDATED BOOSTER At least 2 months after 2nd dose or last booster, and can be Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna
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Up to Date: Immediately after you have received the most recent booster recommended for you ^[2]

AGE GROUP
50 YEARS AND OLDER

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<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html> (Last updated 9/2/22)

New?? Up To Date Definition (Sep 2, 2022)

Pre-teens, Teens and Adults Who Are Moderately or Severely Immunocompromised

Pfizer-BioNTech



AGE GROUP

12 YEARS AND OLDER

1st Dose

PRIMARY SERIES

2nd Dose

PRIMARY SERIES

3 weeks after 1st dose

3rd Dose

PRIMARY SERIES

At least 4 weeks after 2nd dose

4th Dose

UPDATED BOOSTER

At least 2 months after 3rd dose or last booster, and can only be Pfizer-BioNTech

Up to Date: Immediately after the most recent booster recommended for you ^[1]

New?? Up To Date Definition (Sep 2, 2022)

Moderna ^

AGE GROUP
18-49 YEARS

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Moderna

AGE GROUP

18 YEARS AND OLDER

1st Dose

PRIMARY SERIES

2nd Dose

PRIMARY SERIES

4 weeks after 1st dose

3rd Dose

PRIMARY SERIES

At least 4 weeks after 2nd dose

4th Dose

UPDATED BOOSTER

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Up to Date: Immediately after the most recent booster recommended for you ^[1]

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Johnson & Johnson's Janssen

AGE GROUP

18-49 YEARS

1st Dose

PRIMARY SERIES

2nd Dose

UPDATED BOOSTER

At least 2 months after 1st dose or last booster, and can be Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna

Up to Date: Immediately after you have received the most recent booster recommended for you ^[2]

AGE GROUP

50 YEARS AND OLDER

1st Dose

PRIMARY SERIES

2nd Dose

BOOSTER

At least 2 months after 1st dose and can be Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna

3rd Dose

UPDATED BOOSTER

At least 2 months after 2nd dose or last booster, and should be Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna

Up to Date: Immediately after you have received the most recent booster recommended for you ^[2]

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AGE GROUP

18 YEARS AND OLDER

1st Dose

PRIMARY SERIES

2nd Dose

ADDITIONAL DOSE

At least 4 weeks after 1st dose and should be Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna


3rd Dose

UPDATED BOOSTER

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Up to Date: Immediately after you have received the most recent booster recommended for you [\[1\]](#)

New?? Up To Date Definition (Sep 2, 2022)

Novavax 


AGE GROUP
18 YEARS AND OLDER

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FAQs

Boosters

Do I need a COVID-19 vaccine booster? 


Yes. [Recent data](#)  suggest COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness at preventing infection or severe illness wanes over time, especially for certain groups of people, such as people ages 65 years and older and people with immunocompromise.

The emergence of [COVID-19 variants](#) further emphasizes the importance of vaccination, boosters, and prevention efforts needed to protect against COVID-19.

Data show that an mRNA booster increases the immune response, which improves protection against getting a serious COVID-19 infection.


CDC recommends COVID-19 vaccines for everyone ages 6 months and older, and boosters for everyone 5 years and older, if eligible.

FAQs


Am I still considered “fully vaccinated” if I don’t get a booster? 

Yes, the definition of fully vaccinated does not include a booster. Everyone, except those who are moderately or severely immunocompromised, is still considered fully vaccinated two weeks after their second dose in a two-dose series, such as the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines, or two weeks after the single-dose J&J/Janssen vaccine. Fully vaccinated, however, is not the same as having the best protection. People are best protected when they [stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations](#), **which includes getting boosters when eligible.**

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Does the definition of “up to date” include boosters? 

Yes. You are up to date if you have completed a COVID-19 vaccine primary series and received the most recent booster dose recommended for you by CDC.

Influenza Vaccination Reporting Update

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.

Influenza Vaccination Reporting Updates

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	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
2. Cumulative number of HCP in question #1 that received an influenza vaccination at this healthcare facility since influenza vaccine became available this season	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

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?

Save
Cancel

NHSN COVID-19 Pathway Updates

COVID-19 Pathway Data Reporting Updates

As of July 30, 2022

- Reporting guidance has not changed for the COVID-19 Surveillance Pathways
- Utilize the table of instructions for each pathway
- Utilize the [NHSN COVID-19 webpage](#) to locate resources, including:
 - Forms
 - Tables of instructions
 - CSV file layout documents and templates
 - Guidance documents

COVID-19 Pathway Updates

- Resident Impact
 - Table of instructions updated with additional information regarding up to date and clarity regarding this data element
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/covid19/lctf/57.144-toi-508.pdf>
- Staff and Personnel Impact
 - Instructions updated to include information regarding how to report re-testing of staff
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/covid19/lctf/57.145-toi-508.pdf>
- Therapeutics
 - Checkbox labeled "did not administer any therapeutics" added to auto-fill all fields with "0"
 - Do not leave any fields blank – you must enter a value
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/covid19/lctf/57.158-toi-508.pdf>

NHSN Long-Term Care Facility Component Updates

Questions: Why Is My Data Not Passing Quality Assurance? Why Is It Not Showing on Nursing Home Compare? What Is an Alert on My Dashboard?

1. Check data on <https://data.cms.gov/covid-19/covid-19-nursing-home-data> or Care Compare.
2. If it is not passing QA, check your alerts on the home screen (you should do this every week).
3. If you see an alert, take the time to review, edit and confirm.
4. Contact CMS data.gov if you have concerns.

CMS Expert Help Desk:

NH_COVID_Data@cms.hhs.gov

Policy

COVID-19 Nursing Home Data Quality Assurance

[Download Policy](#)

Process

Click [here](#) to view the definitions on the data.cms.gov website.

Analysis resources:

- [COVID-19 Module Data Alerts \[PDF – 500 KB\]](#) – April 5, 2021
- [Correcting COVID-19 Module Data \[PDF – 600 KB\]](#) – April 5, 2021
- [NHSN LTCF COVID-19 Module Dashboard for Facility Users \[PDF – 600 KB\]](#)

Alerts on Your Dashboard

Refer to the [NHSN Data Quality Alerts](#) information sheet

1. On the Alerts page, select Action Items
2. Click on COVID-19 Data Alerts
3. Click on the purple QA alert
4. The flagged data will appear highlighted
5. Review and correct the data and select Save
6. Data alert will then be removed from the NHSN alert list

Collection Date	COVID-19 Data Form Type		Variable	QA Flag Description	Confirmed
03/15/2021	RIFC	QA Alert	Resident - COVID-19 DEATHS	Multiple repeats of the same value for consecutive days	N
11/11/2020	RIFC	QA Alert	Resident - COVID-19 DEATHS	Multiple repeats of the same value for consecutive days	N

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Use the Event Level Forms To Submit Vaccine Data

- No longer green rows to designate if data was submitted.
- The logic for the new up-to-date definition has been added and applied to all weeks beginning June 27.
- Requires date of birth to be entered for all individuals in the facility (age is part of the up-to-date definition).

NHSN - National Healthcare Safety Network (ltcf1012-81-pfwxp:443)

NHSN Long Term Care Facility Component Home Page

Long Term Care Dashboard

Action Items

Event-Level COVID-19 Vaccination Form - Residents

[Add Row...](#)
[View Reporting Summary & Submit...](#)
[Upload CSV...](#)
[Export CSV...](#)

Required fields marked with * Conditionally required fields marked with **

Duplicate Row	Resident Identifier *	Date of Birth **	Resident Admit Date *	Resident Discharge Date	Resident First Name *	Resident Last Name *	Dose 1 vaccination date **	Dose 1 vaccine manufacturer name **	Dose 2 vaccination date **	Dose 2 vaccine manufacturer name **	Is vaccination complete?
+	0101022	01/01/1969	05/18/2022	05/27/2022	Idunno	Yourname					No
+	01011855	01/01/1969	03/01/2022	06/29/2022	Bubbles	PowerPuff Girl	01/21/2021	Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-			No
+	01011899	01/01/1969	05/06/2022		Granny	Weatherall	05/05/2021	Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-	06/01/2021	Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-	Yes
+	01011955	01/01/1969	04/01/2021	04/01/2022	Johnny B	Good	03/01/2022	Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-	03/22/2022	Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-	Yes
+	01012022A	01/01/2022	06/29/2022		Garfield	The cat	01/20/2021	Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-	02/20/2021	Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-	Yes
+	0123456	01/01/1969	05/06/2022		Religious	Exemption					No
+	02141900	01/01/1969	04/01/2022	05/01/2022	Julie	Clark	04/01/2021	Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-	05/01/2021	Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-	Yes
+	02141900	01/01/1969	05/25/2022		Julie	Clark	04/01/2021	Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-	05/01/2021	Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-	Yes
+	06011933	01/01/1969	06/01/2022		Sallie	Johnson	01/05/2021	Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-	02/05/2021	Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-	Yes
+	08281971	01/01/1969	04/01/2021		No Idea	What It is	03/01/2021	Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-	04/01/2021	Moderna COVID-19 vacci	Yes
+	123456	01/01/1969	04/01/2022	04/01/2022	Sunny	Day	04/01/2021	Janssen COVID-19 vacci			Yes
+	1234567	01/01/1969	04/01/2022		Banana	Savana	04/01/2021	Janssen COVID-19 vacci			Yes
+	D5738	01/01/1919	05/09/2022		Mona	Lisa	11/15/2021	Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-	12/16/2021	Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-	Yes

Missing Summary Data


Click View Reporting Summary and Submit

Be sure the drop-down "week of data collection" shows the correct week you are reporting.

View Reporting Summary & Submit...

COVID-19 Vaccination Cumulative Summary for Long-Term Care Facility Residents
TRACKING WORKSHEET

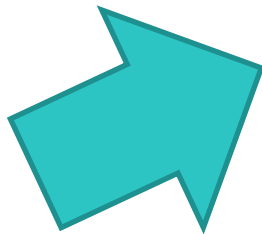
Facility ID#:	59979
Vaccination type:	COVID19
Week of data collection first day (Monday):	3/28/2022
Week of data collection last day (Sunday):	4/4/2022
	4/11/2022
	4/18/2022 (Changed since submitted using the Tracking Worksheet)
	4/25/2022 (Changed since submitted using the Tracking Worksheet)
1. *Number of residents staying in this faci	5/2/2022
2. *Cumulative number of residents in Que	5/9/2022
2.1. Only dose 1 of Pfizer-BioNTech COV	5/16/2022
2.2. Dose 1 and dose 2 of Pfizer-BioNtec	5/23/2022
2.3. Only dose 1 of Moderna COVID-19 v	5/30/2022 (Changed since submitted using the Tracking Worksheet)
2.4. Dose 1 and dose 2 of Moderna COVI	6/6/2022
2.5 One dose of Janss	
2.99 Complete COVID-19 vaccination series: Unspecified Manufacturer	

 **Save and Submit Data** **Done**

Alert
Successfully saved.
OK

Edit Your Data if Needed

Open the week you want to edit in the calendar and edit your data, then save it.



Edit Vaccine Data

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

Resident COVID-19 Cumulative Vaccination Summary for Long-Term Care Facilities

Date Created: 06/27/2022 12:21PM
*Facility ID: 59979 *Vaccination type: COVID19 Facility CCN #:
*Week of Data Collection: 06/27/2022 - 07/03/2022 *Date Last Modified: 06/29/2022 2:12PM

Cumulative Vaccination Coverage

Note: Facilities submit Weekly COVID-19 Vaccination Cumulative Summary data by completing the questions on this form. As of March 28th, 2022 facilities also have the option to enter data using the event-level COVID-19 vaccination form and select the "view reporting summary and submit" button? to submit these data. Using the event-level form is recommended to ensure that individuals who are up to date with COVID-19 vaccination are categorized appropriately according to their vaccination dates. Learn more here: [link to QRG](#)

1. * Number of residents staying in this facility for at least 1 day during the week of data collection

2. * **Cumulative number** 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 * Any completed Primary COVID-19 vaccine series

3. * **Cumulative number** of residents in Question #1 with other conditions:

3.1 * Medical contraindication to COVID-19 vaccine

3.2 * Offered but declined COVID-19 vaccine

3.3 * Unknown COVID-19 vaccination status

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

4.1 * **Cumulative number** of residents in Question #4 who have received **only one** booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine since August 2021

4.2 * **Cumulative number** of residents in Question #4 who received **two or more** booster doses of COVID-19 vaccine, and the most recent dose was received since March 29, 2022

Question 5 asks about individuals who are **up to date**. Please review the current definition of [up to date](#).

5. * **Cumulative** of residents in question #2 who are **up to date** with COVID-19 vaccines

Adverse Events following COVID-19 Vaccine(s)

How Do I Upload the Event Level Form Data?

As a reminder, the Optional Excel Data Tracking Worksheet has been retired. During the early transition phase, we provided one-time instructions on how to upload data tracking worksheet information into the Event-Level Form. **This was meant to be a one-time data transfer. Please do not upload the Optional Excel Data Tracking Worksheet to the Event-Level forms for weeks beginning with June 2022.** The Optional Excel Data Tracking Worksheets do not contain the new variables added in the May release. If you want to upload data to the Event-Level (Person-Level) forms, please follow the instructions here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/ltc/covidvax/event-qrg-508.pdf> to submit data via a .CSV template.

LTCF Event-Level (Person-Level) HCP Templates and Examples

[.CSV File Template for LTCF HCP \[XLS – 10 KB\]](#) – June 2022

[Example .CSV File for LTCF HCP \[XLS – 11 KB\]](#) – June 2022

LTCF Event-Level (Person-Level) Residents Templates and Examples

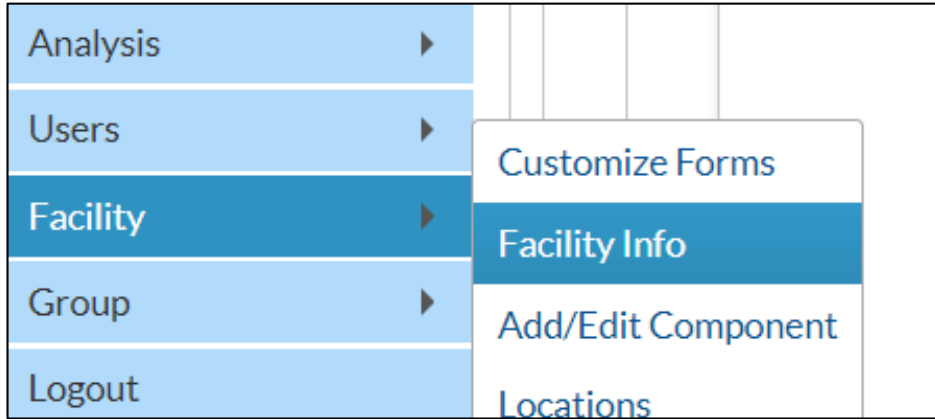
[.CSV File Template for LTCF Residents \[XLS – 10 KB\]](#) – June 2022

[Example .CSV File for LTCF Residents \[XLS – 11 KB\]](#) – June 2022

SAMS & NHCN Tips

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](#).



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
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- Analysis ▶
- Users** ▶
 - Add
 - Find**
- 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:

Find **Clear** **Back**

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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Add **Back**

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

Prefix:

First Name *: Marilee

Middle Name:

Last Name *: Johnson

Title:

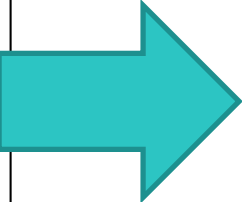
User Active: N - No

User Type:

Phone Number *:

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
Marilee.Johnson@alliant

SAMS Password

Login

[Forgot Your Password?](#)

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

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Forgotten Password Reset: Please enter the following to identify yourself

• = Required

• User ID

OK **Cancel**

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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 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 image shows two screenshots from the SAMS (Secure Access Management Services) portal. The left screenshot is the login page, titled "Choose a login option". Under the "External Partners" section, the "SAMS Credentials" option is highlighted with a yellow box and a teal arrow. Below this, there are input fields for "SAMS Username" (containing "Marilee.Johnson@alliantc") and "SAMS Password" (masked with dots), and a "Login" button. The right screenshot is the "Modify My Identity Data" page. It features a "Tasks" menu on the left with "Home" selected. The main content area contains several fields: "City" (masked), "State" (North Carolina), "Postal Code" (masked), "Country" (United States), "Primary Phone" (919-695-8331), and "Alternate Phone". Below these fields is a red warning: "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." This is followed by a table of five security questions (Q1-Q5) and their corresponding answers (A1-A5), all of which are masked with purple boxes.

Questions or Need Help?

Please submit questions by email to 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:DNHTriageTeam@cms.hhs.gov)
- Skilled nursing facilities quality reporting program: SNFQualityQuestions@cms.hhs.gov

Questions?



Complete the Post-Event Assessment to Receive Credit



https://bit.ly/NAB_ANCC_ClaimCredit

Thank You for Your Time!

Contact the Patient Safety Team



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Mark Your Calendar!

Shop Talk

3rd Thursdays at 2 p.m. ET



Registration Links:

[Thursday, October 20, 2022](#)

[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



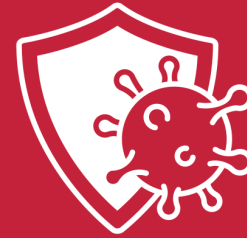
CHRONIC DISEASE SELF- MANAGEMENT

- 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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