NHSN Updates: Vaccine Module & Pathway Simplified

Welcome!

Chat to Technical Support if you need assistance

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Objectives

Agenda:

- Join our Alliant NHSN Group (if you have not already)
- NHSN Tips
- Updates to the Weekly Vaccination Summary Forms
- How to upload Event-Level Form data
- Questions & Answers opportunity



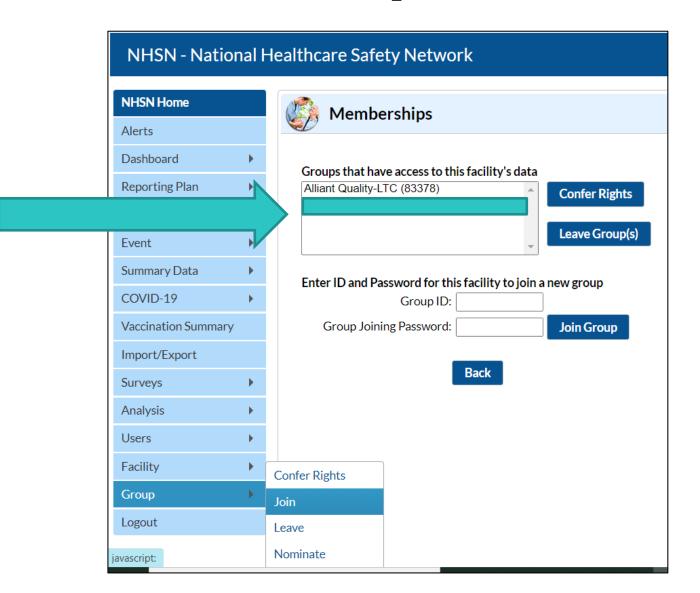
Make Sure You Have Joined Our NHSN Group

Review Your Membership:

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

Make sure you see **Alliant Quality–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.



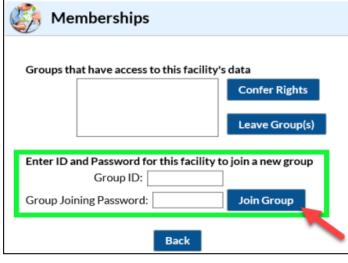
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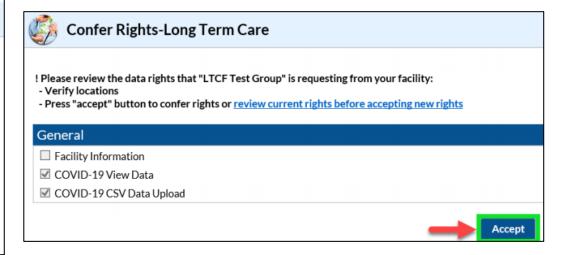
Group Name: Alliant Quality-LTC

Group ID: 83378

Joining Password: Alliant20!







https://www.alliantquality.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/T01 NHSNGroups 12SOW-AHSQIN-QIO-T01NH-20-391 508.pdf



Shop Talk Shorts YouTube Channel

Instructional videos to answer technical questions related to NHSN

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. <u>Can I use my grid card to access my new facility?</u>

How do I change my email address for NHSN & SAMS?

I am leaving, how do I reassign another NHSN facility administrator?

<u>How do I generate a report in NHSN to see my vaccine data and dates submitted?</u>

I want to receive technical assistance. <u>How do I join Alliant Quality's NHSN Data Group?</u>

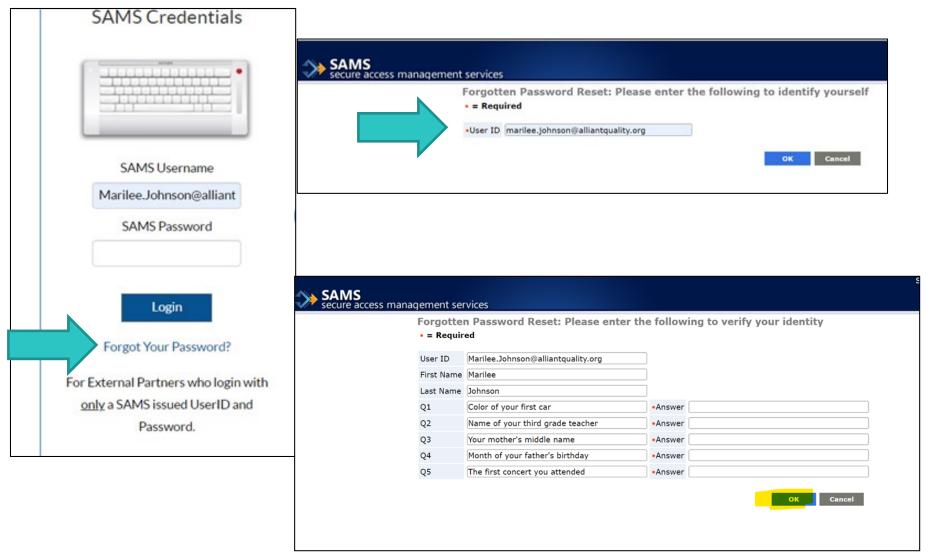
Bookmark our FAQ YouTube channel for easy reference to frequent NHSN issues: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLXWmxni-xNHspWHhLlIrqcLGlzXZPljlF



SAMS & NHSN Tips



I Forgot My Password. How Do I Reset My Password?



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

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

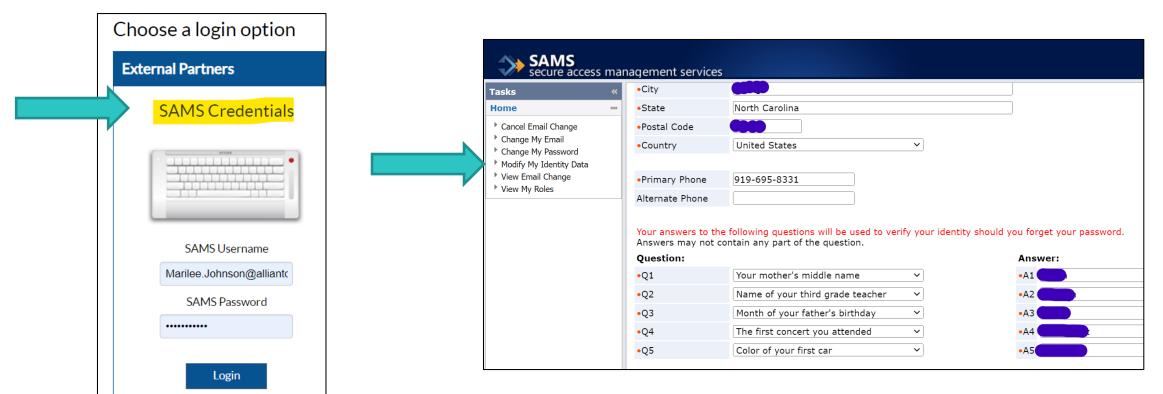
If You Don't Remember Your Security Questions

You will need to have the SAMS help desk terminate your account. Then, email nhsn@cdc.gov and request a new invitation to register. Include your email address and first and last name.

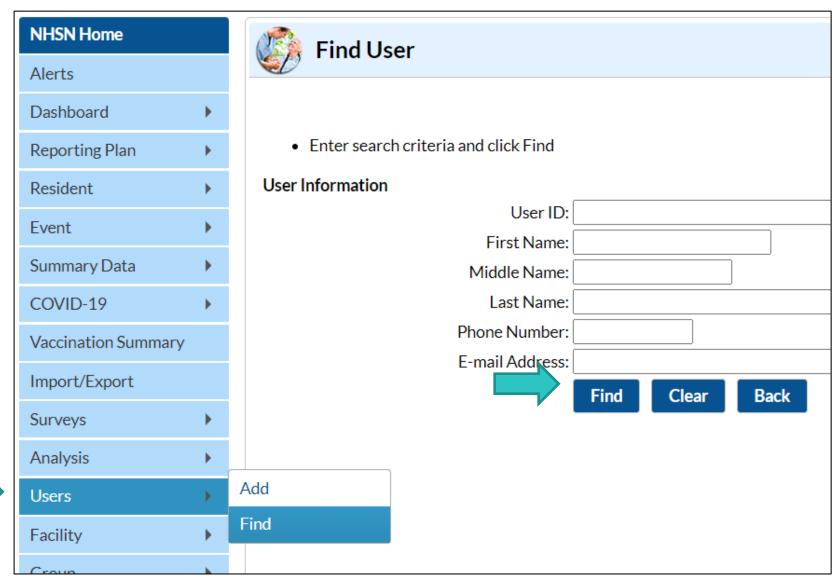
Why risk this? Print out your security questions and save them in a secure location.

Log in to: https://sams.cdc.gov

SAMS credential > Click on Modify My Identity Data and—voila!—there are all your answers.

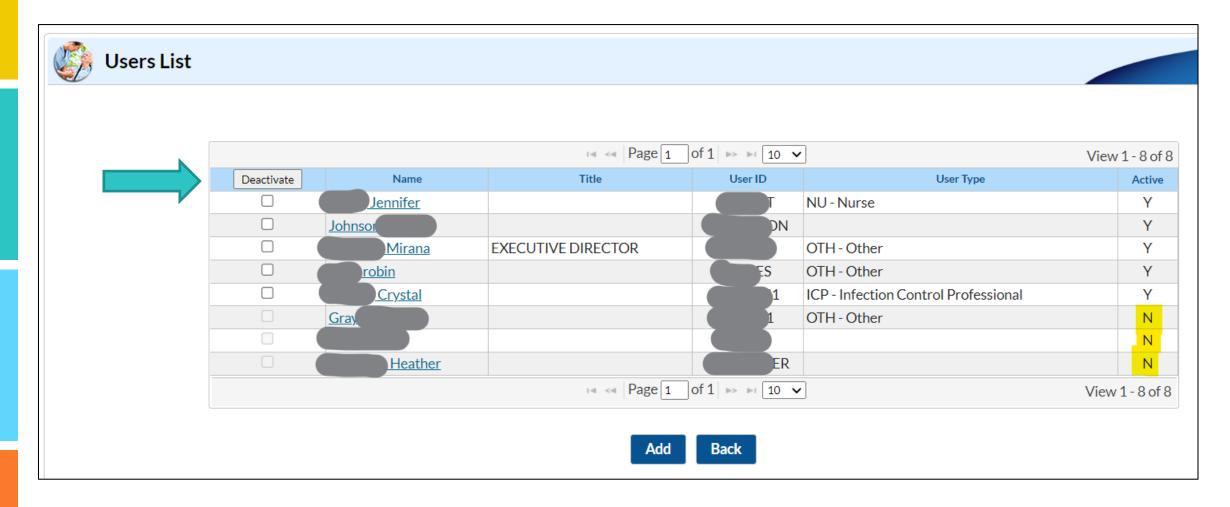


Clean Up the Users in Your NHSN Account



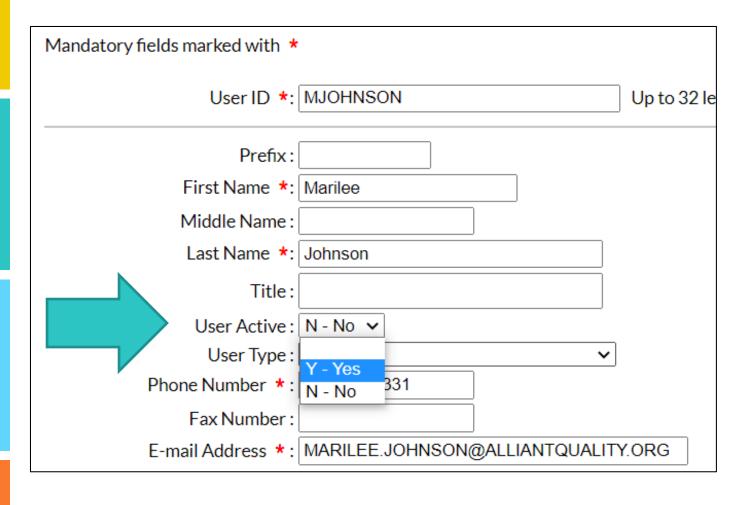


Deactivate Users Who No Longer Need Access



Check the box next to their name and click Deactivate.

Or Go to the Contact Page and Click User Active > "No"

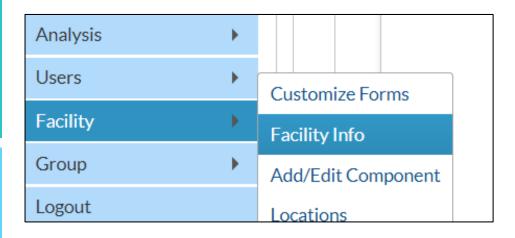


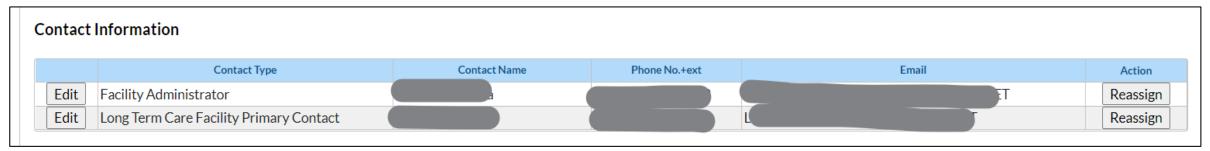
- User > Find > Find.
- Click on the user account.
- Click Edit.
- Change User Active to NO.

	Save	Deactivate	Edit Rights	Effective Rights	Back
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Confirm the 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, then deactivate. For the facility admin, you must complete the Change Facility Admin Form.



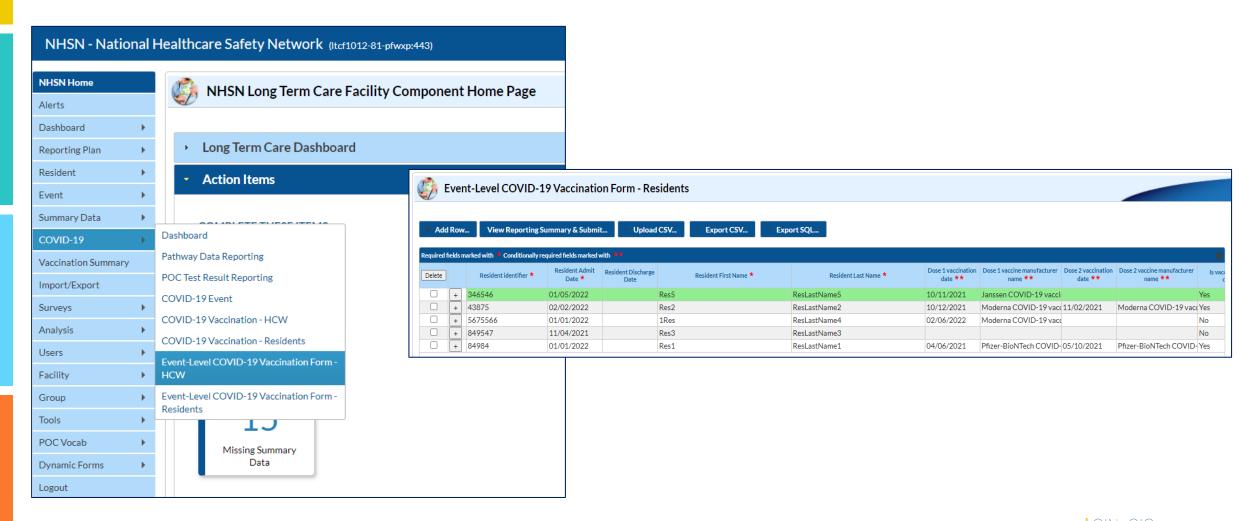


Weekly Vaccination Module Updates



If You Use the Event Level Forms To Submit Vaccine Data

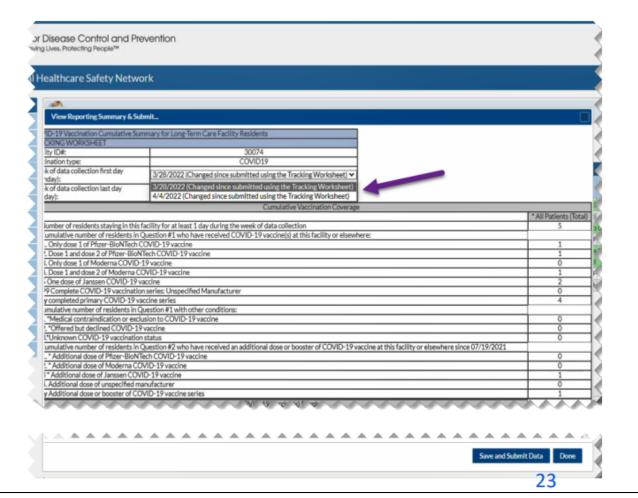
Warning:



How far back can I report event-level data?

The event-level COVID-19 Vaccination Form for LTC residents and staff can be used to report data beginning with the week of March 28, 2022 – April 3, 2022 and forward.

Note: if you use the event-level form to enter data and click save and submit, it will overwrite data that were previously entered via the summary form and vice versa.

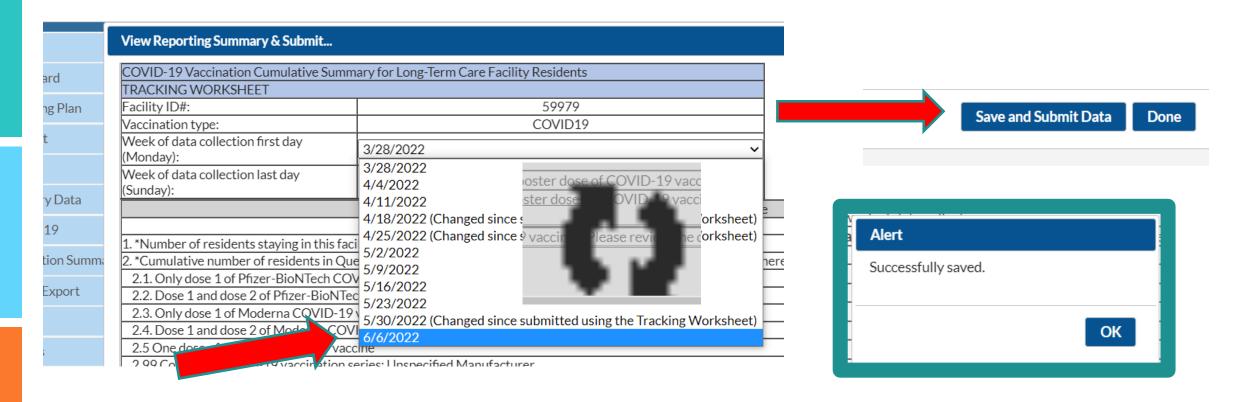




Click View Reporting Summary and Submit

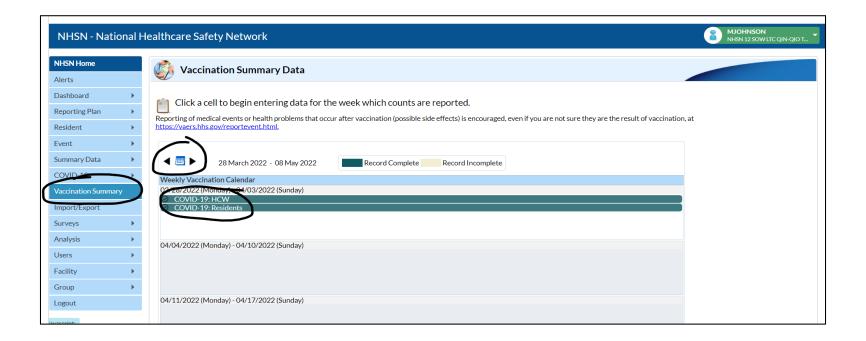
For the **CURRENT WEEK!!!**

Wait for it to save...may take a while... be patient....



Double-Check Your Vaccine Data

- Go to the Vaccination Summary
- Ensure both HCW and residents are GREEN for the CURRENT WEEK!
- Make sure the data is accurate



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 would like 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 – 480 B] – May 2022 Example .CSV File for LTCF HCP [XLS – 1 KB] – May 2022

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

.CSV File Template for LTCF Residents [XLS – 470 B] – May 2022 Example .CSV File for LTCF Residents [XLS – 1 KB] – May 2022

Definition of Up To Date for NHSN Surveillance

Review the definition of Up To Date in this <u>link</u> for your weekly vaccine summary. You must keep an internal log of the up-to-date status of residents and staff using the most current definition. The current definition through <u>Iune 26, 2022</u>:

Up to date with vaccination

Individuals are considered up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines during the surveillance period of October 3, 2021 through June 26, 2022 for the purpose of NHSN surveillance if they meet (1) of the following criteria*:

- An individual received all recommended doses in their primary vaccine series and received at least one booster dose. An individual does not need to receive a second booster dose to be considered up to date at this time.
- 2. An individual **recently** received all recommended doses in the **primary vaccine series** and is **not yet eligible for a booster dose**. Individuals who are not yet eligible to receive a booster dose include:
 - a. Those who received their second dose of a 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.

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



*<u>Cumulative</u> number of residents in question #2 who are <u>up to date</u> with COVID-19 vaccines

Definition: Up to Date with COVID-19 Vaccines

Individuals are considered up to date in two cases*:

- An individual received all recommended doses in their primary vaccine series and received one or more booster dose(s). An individual does not need to receive a second booster dose to be considered up to date at this time.
- An individual received all recommended doses in the primary vaccine series but is not yet eligible for a booster dose. Individuals who are not yet eligible to receive a booster dose include:
 - a. Those who received their second dose of a 2-dose primary series of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna) less than 5 months ago.
 - Those who received a single dose of Janssen less than two months ago.

- 1) An individual received an additional dose less than three months ago if primary series was the Moderna or Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine;
- 2) An individual received an additional dose less than two months ago if primary series was the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine; or
- 3) An individual received one or more booster dose(s) after receiving an additional dose.

^{*}Individuals with a moderately to severely immunocompromising condition are considered up to date in the following cases:

^{*}Reference this definition on the CDC website regularly.

Best Practice for Validating Your NHSN Vaccination and Booster Rates

Quality Improvement Initiative (QII) rapid PDSA Worksheet

COVID Booster Uptake for Residents

Challenge Identifited: NHSN Reporting Errors

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Sample Data Table to Review Resident Booster Rates for Accuracy

Week ending date	Facility Spreadsheet/Tracking Sheet			Internal Analysis	Public Websites		Validate
	Total # of Residents Boosted	Total # of Residents Completed Vaccine Series (2 doses of Moderna/Pfizer or 1 dose Janssen) at any time	% boosted	NHSN Analysis Report Generated % boosted	Care Compare	COVID-19 Nursing Home Data (CMS.gov data)	Does your resident booster data percentage match <u>Care</u> <u>Compare/COVID-</u> 19 Nursing <u>Home Data</u> (CMS.gov data) & your facility spreadsheet? Yes or No
3/6/2022							□ Yes
							□No
3/13/2022							□ Yes
							□No
3/20/2022							□Yes
							□No

e solved *Select All That Apply to your facility*

Through Root Cause Analysis (RCA), the QIO advisor & the facility quality team identified our current *booster* vaccination initiative has the following opportunities of improvement

 1. Validate NHSN data & accurately submit COVID-19 booster data <u>weekly</u> into the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) system.

Care Compare

COVID-19 Nursing Home Data-CMS.gov

NHSN Website and Module Changes

Recent NHSN trainings:

LTCF COVID-19 Module Website

LTCF COVID-19 Module: Surveillance Pathway Updates [PDF - 4 MB] - May 2022

Weekly HCP & Resident COVID-19 Vaccination Website

Training slides from the June 9 session will be uploaded to the NHSN website soon.

Updates to Weekly COVID-19 Vaccination Data Reporting: Long-Term Care Facilities – May 2022

Slideset [PDF - 2 MB]

NHSN Event-Level Vaccination Forms: Office Hours and FAQs – April 2022

Slideset [PDF – 5 MB]

NHSN Event-Level COVID-19 Vaccination Forms – April 2022

YouTube Link [Video - 29 min]

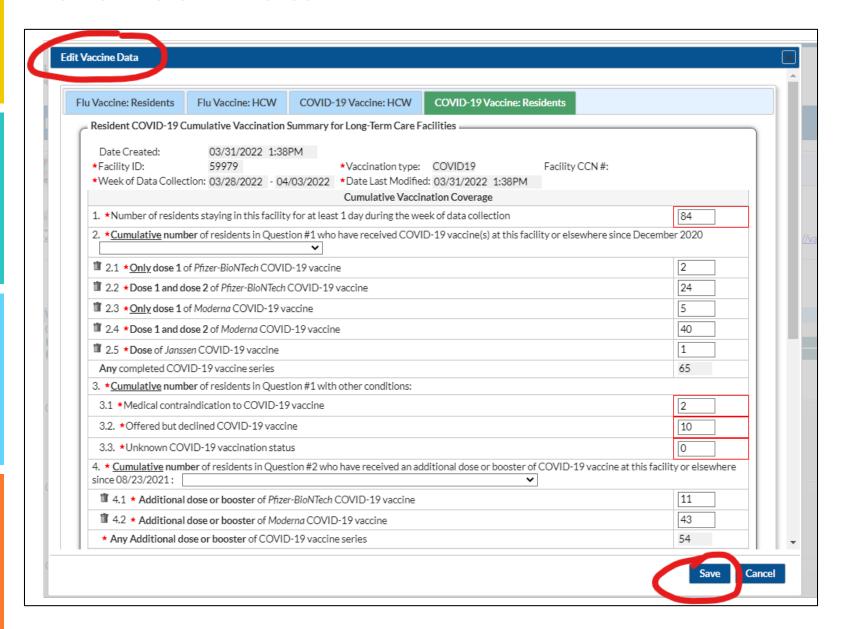
Slideset [PDF - 3 MB]

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

Long-term care facilities weekly reporting: DNH_TriageTeam@cms.hhs.gov

Skilled nursing facilities quality reporting program: SNFQualityQuestions@cms.hhs.gov

Edit Your Data



COVID-19 Pathway Update



Slides Are Now Available for the Pathway Reporting

The slides from the *LTCF COVID-19 Module: Surveillance Pathways Updates* webinar held on May 24-26 are available on the NHSN website. You can find the slides under **Training** on the webpage.

https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/covid19/index.html.

LTCF COVID-19 Module: Surveillance Pathway Updates [PDF – 4 MB] – May 2022

LTCF COVID-19 Module: 3 Surveillance Pathways for Data Reporting

Optimizing Timely, Standardized Data Collection to Characterize National Impact, Inform Ongoing Activities, and Direct Resources

Resident Impact and Facility Capacity

- Admissions
- Newly Positive Tests
- Vaccination status
- Up-to-date status
- Deaths
- Influenza
- Testing availability
- Supplies and PPE shortages

Staff and Personnel Impact

- Newly Positive Tests
- COVID-19 Deaths
- Influenza
- Staffing Shortages

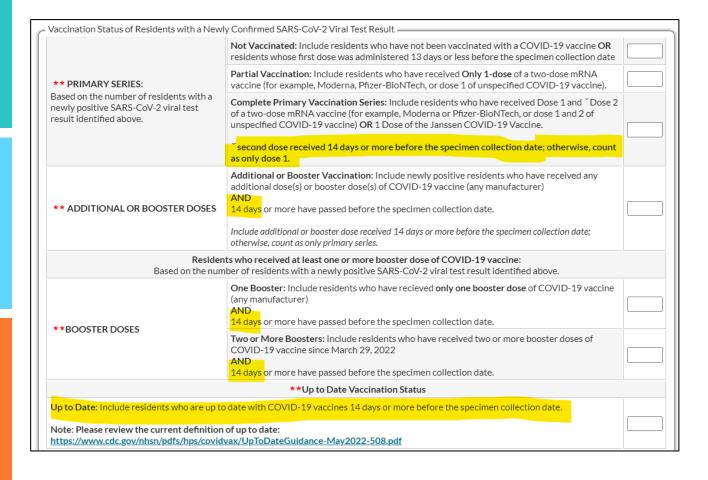
Therapeutics

Residents Treated:

- In-house Stock
- Stock Stored Outside the LTCF

Up To Date Vaccination Status

For the purposes of **NHSN surveillance** for tracking your positive tests, to be up to date you must count/include the **14 days or more before the specimen collection date for primary vaccination and boosters** status. The NHSN Surveillance definition/timing is different from the guidelines in the infection prevention up-to-date status for isolation/quarantine. https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html



https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pd fs/hps/covidvax/UpToDateGui dance-May2022-508.pdf 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.



Questions?



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:

<u>Thursday</u>, <u>July 21, 2022</u>

Thursday, August 18, 2022

Thursday, September 15, 2022

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/





SAVE THE DATE!

TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2022 | 11 A.M. - 3 P.M. ET

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