NHSN Updates
COVID-19 Vaccine Module & Pathway

Welcome!
Chat to Technical Support if you need assistance

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Donald is a health professional with experience in public health epidemiology and infection prevention. Over the past several years, he worked as an infection preventionist at the hospital- and system-level, where he was part of a task force to ensure the safety of caregivers and patients during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, he was part of and led several projects to reduce hospital-acquired infections utilizing Lean Six Sigma methodologies. He is also trained in ensuring ongoing facility survey readiness for regulatory agencies such as the CMS and The Joint Commission.

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Erica enjoys reading, traveling, family time and outdoor activities.

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INFECTION PREVENTION TECHNICAL ADVISOR

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Paula enjoys spending time with her friends and family.

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Objectives

Agenda:

• Join our Alliant Health Solutions LTC NHSN Group
• COVID-19 Statistics
• Annual Survey
• 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.
Join and Confer Rights to Alliant Health Solutions

Group Name: Alliant Health Solutions-LTC
Group ID: 83378
Joining Password: Alliant20!

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-xNHspWHhLlrqcLGrzXZPljIF

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?
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NOW AVAILABLE!

Shop Talk Shorts for Influenza Vaccination Reporting (HCP)

November 2022

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Welcome to ShopTalk Shorts
COVID-19 STATISTICS
COVID-19 Statistics

Community Transmission in US by County

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<td>167</td>
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How is community transmission calculated?

Current 7-days is Thu Jan 05 2023 - Wed Jan 11 2023 for case rate and Tue Jan 03 2023 - Mon Jan 09 2023 for percent positivity. The percent change in counties at each level of transmission is the absolute change compared to the previous 7-day period.
## COVID-19 Statistics

### COVID-19 Vaccinations in the United States

Maps, charts, and data provided by CDC, updates weekly on Thursday by 8pm ET

The percent of the population coverage metrics are capped at 95%. Learn how CDC estimates vaccination coverage.

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<th>Total Vaccine Doses</th>
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1.75M
Children < 5 years of age with at least one dose since June 18, 2022
See Vaccination Demographic Trends for more information.

49.6M
People ≥ 5 years of age with an updated (bivalent) booster dose

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<td>Population ≥ 65 Years of Age</td>
<td>58,631,223</td>
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About These Data | View Footnotes and Download Data
CDC | Data as of: January 11, 2023 6:00am ET. Posted: January 12, 2023
COVID-19 Statistics

Percent of the Population 5 Years of Age and Older with an Updated (Bivalent) Booster Dose Reported to CDC by Jurisdictions and Select Federal Entities
COVID-19 Statistics

Subset¹ of Nursing Homes Voluntarily Reporting Detailed Vaccination Data: Up to Date with COVID-19 Vaccines, Nursing Home Residents, by Week – United States

Up to Date: Receipt of bivalent booster dose or completion of primary series in the last two months

1. A subset of approximately 1,544 nursing homes voluntarily report detailed vaccination data weekly, including the dates, types, and number of vaccination doses administered for each resident (in contrast to the standard data submission where facilities submit weekly totals). The NHGN application calculates the total number of individuals who are up to date for this subset of facilities. Data from this subset are shown here. To view data nationally and by jurisdiction on nursing home residents who are up to date with COVID-19 vaccines among all nursing homes (including the subset shown here and those that submit weekly vaccination totals), please view the dashboard below, titled Percentage of Nursing Home Residents who are Up to Date with COVID-19 Vaccines, by State and Week — United States.

2. The NHGN surveillance definition of Up to Date is updated quarterly to incorporate CDC guidance changes. On week-ending 10/2/2022, the up to date definition was updated to include bivalent boosters. Individuals are considered up to date if they received a bivalent booster (or completed their primary series in the last 2 months). See here for NHGN surveillance definitions, including up to date, by reporting quarter. Data for the most recent week are still accruing.

3. Up to date calculation excludes individuals with medical contraindication from denominator.
Flow Chart: Up to Date with COVID-19 Vaccines

- Have they received a updated (bivalent) booster?
  - No
  - Did they receive their last booster dose less than 2 months ago?
    - No
    - Have they completed their primary series COVID-19 Vaccine less than 2 months ago?
      - Yes
      - Up To Date
      - No
      - Not Up To Date
    - Yes
      - Up To Date
Annual Survey
NHSN Long Term Care Facility Component Home Page

- Long Term Care Dashboard

- Action Items

COMPLETE THESE ITEMS

Survey Requirement

2022
### Add Annual Survey

**Mandatory fields marked with *:**
- Facility ID: NHSN 12 SOW LTC QIN-QIO Test Facility (ID 59979)
- Survey Year: 2022
- State Provider ID:

**Facility Characteristics**

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In the previous calendar year,
- Average daily census
- Average length of stay for short-stay residents
- Average length of stay for long-stay residents

- Total number of short-stay residents
- Total number of long-stay residents
- Total number of new admissions
- Total Number of Beds
- Number of Pediatric Beds (age <21)

Indicate which of the following primary service types are provided by your facility. On the day of this survey, indicate the number of residents receiving those services (list only one service type per resident, i.e. total should sum to resident census on day of survey completion):

**Surveys**

**Analytics**

**Find Annual Survey**

- Enter search criteria and click Find
- Fewer criteria will return a broader result set
- More criteria will return a narrower result set

- Facility ID: NHSN 12 SOW LTC QIN-QIO Test Facility (ID 59979)
- Survey Year: 2022

- Find
- Clear
- Back
Facility Microbiology Laboratory Practices

1. Does your facility have its own laboratory that performs microbiology/antimicrobial susceptibility testing? *

2. Indicate whether your facility screens new admissions for any of the following multidrug-resistant organisms: (check all that apply) *
   - We do not screen new admissions for MDROs
   - Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA)
   - Vancomycin-resistant *Enterococcus* (VRE)
   - Multidrug-resistant gram-negative rods (includes carbapenemase resistant Enterobacteriaceae; multidrug-resistant *Acinetobacter*, etc.)

3. What is the primary testing method for *C. difficile* used most often by your facility’s laboratory or the outside laboratory where your facility’s testing is performed? *
   - Enzyme immunoassay (EIA) for toxin
   - Cell cytotoxicity neutralization assay
   - Nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT) (e.g., PCR) (e.g., PCR, LAMP)
   - NAAT plus EIA, if NAAT positive (2-step algorithm)
   - Glutamate dehydrogenase (GDH) antigen plus EIA for toxin (2-step algorithm)
   - GDH plus NAAT (2-step algorithm)
   - GDH plus EIA for toxin, followed by NAAT for discrepant results
   - Culture (C. difficile culture followed by detection of toxins)
   - Other (specify)

4. Does your laboratory provide a report summarizing the percent of antibiotic resistance seen in common organisms identified in cultures sent from your facility (often called an antibiogram)? *
Annual Survey

**Infection Control Practices**

5. Total staff hours per week dedicated to infection prevention and control activity in facility: □
   a. Total hours per week performing surveillance: □
   b. Total hours per week for infection prevention and control activities other than surveillance: □

6. Is it a policy in your facility that use of gowns/gloves are required for care of residents infected or colonized with MRSA? □
   - ALL - Yes, all infected and colonized residents
   - ACTIVE - Yes, only residents with active infection
   - HIGH RISK - Yes, only those with certain characteristics that make them high-risk for transmission (e.g., wounds, diarrhea, presence of an indwelling device)
   - NO - No

7. Is it a policy in your facility that use of gowns/gloves are required for care of residents infected or colonized with VRE? □
   - ALL - Yes, all infected and colonized residents
   - ACTIVE - Yes, only residents with active infection
   - HIGH RISK - Yes, only those with certain characteristics that make them high-risk for transmission (e.g., wounds, diarrhea, presence of an indwelling device)
   - NO - No

8. Is it a policy in your facility that use of gowns/gloves are required for care of residents infected or colonized with CRE? □
   - ALL - Yes, all infected and colonized residents
   - ACTIVE - Yes, only residents with active infection
   - HIGH RISK - Yes, only those with certain characteristics that make them high-risk for transmission (e.g., wounds, diarrhea, presence of an indwelling device)
   - NO - No

9. Is it a policy in your facility that use of gowns/gloves are required for care of residents infected or colonized with ESBL-producing or extended spectrum cephalosporin resistant Enterobacteriaceae? □
   - ALL - Yes, all infected and colonized residents
   - ACTIVE - Yes, only residents with active infection
   - HIGH RISK - Yes, only those with certain characteristics that make them high-risk for transmission (e.g., wounds, diarrhea, presence of an indwelling device)
   - NO - No

10. When a resident colonized or infected with an MDRO is transferred to another facility, does your facility communicate the resident’s MDRO status to the receiving facility at the time of transfer? □

11. Among residents with an MDRO admitted to your facility from other healthcare facilities, what percentage of the time does your facility receive information from the transferring facility about the resident’s MDRO status? □
Annual Survey

Antibiotic Stewardship Practices

12. Are there one or more individuals responsible for the impact of activities to improve use of antimicrobials at your facility? *

13. Does your facility have a policy that requires prescribers to document an indication for all antimicrobials in the medical record or during order entry? *

14. Does your facility provide treatment recommendations for common infections based on national guidelines to assist with antimicrobial decision making? *

15. Is there a formal procedure for performing a follow-up assessment 2-3 days after a new antimicrobial start to determine whether the antimicrobial is still indicated and appropriate (e.g., antibiotic time out)? *

16. Is there a formal procedure for reviewing courses of antimicrobial therapy and communicating with prescribers on antimicrobial selection, dosing, or duration of therapy (i.e., audit and feedback) at your facility? *

17. Does your facility have a system for tracking antimicrobial use? *

18. Has your facility provided education to clinicians and other facility staff on improving antimicrobial use in the past 12 months? *

19. Does your facility have a written statement of support from leadership that supports efforts to improve antimicrobial use? *

20. Are antimicrobial use and resistance data reviewed by leadership in quality assurance/performance improvement committee meetings? *

21. Does your facility have access to individual(s) with antimicrobial stewardship expertise (e.g., consultant pharmacist trained in antimicrobial stewardship, stewardship team at referral hospital, external infectious disease/stewardship consultant)? *
Electronic Health Record Utilization

22. Indicate whether any of the following are available in an electronic health record (check all that apply) *

- Microbiology lab culture and antimicrobial susceptibility results
- Medication orders
- Medication administration record
- Resident vital signs
- Resident admission notes
- Resident progress notes
- Resident transfer or discharge notes
- None of the above
23. Have you ever conducted a facility risk assessment to identify where Legionella and other opportunistic waterborne pathogens (e.g., Pseudomonas, Acinetobacter, Burkholderia, Stenotrophomonas, nontuberculous mycobacteria, and fungi) could grow and spread in the facility water system (e.g., piping infrastructure)? □ Yes □ No

24. Does your facility have a water management program to prevent the growth and transmission of Legionella and other opportunistic waterborne pathogens? □ Yes □ No

25. Do you regularly monitor the following parameters in your building’s water system? (Check all that apply)

- Disinfectant (such as residual chlorine)
- Temperature
- Heterotrophic plate counts
- Specific tests for Legionella

□ Yes □ No □ Yes □ No □ Yes □ No □ Yes □ No
Influenza Vaccination Reporting
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

Key Things to Remember:

• Deadline to enter data is **May 15**
  - Reporting period—October to March 31
• Reporting influenza vaccination data via weekly LTCF component **WILL NOT** fulfill the CMS requirement
• Reach out to [SNFQualityQuestions@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:SNFQualityQuestions@cms.hhs.gov) if unsure if your facility is required to report
• There is currently no requirement (CMS) to report annual influenza vaccination for residents. **Only Staff/HCP**
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
# Influenza Vaccination Reporting

## Contact Information

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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
Activating the HPS Component

- Facility Administrator logs into SAMS: https://nhsn2.cdc.gov/nhsn/
  - Click “NHSN Reporting”

- From the Home Page, click “Facility” then “Add/Edit Component”
  - Check box next to Healthcare Personnel Safety

- Facility Administrator adds HPS Component Primary Contact
  - Enter name, phone, e-mail, and address for person to be contacted if CDC/NHSN has updates or questions about the HPS Component

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Activating the HPS Component (cont.)

- 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 Facility Administrator or new HPS Component Primary Contact
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 homepage 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
Influenza Vaccination Reporting

HCP Influenza Vaccination Summary Data

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

#### Saving HCP Influenza Vaccination Data

- Click “Save” to save the data

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**HCP categories**

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**Custom Fields**

**Comments**

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## Editing HCP Influenza Vaccination Data (cont.)

- Click “Edit” to modify existing data

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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

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”

SNFQualityQuestions@cms.hhs.gov
SAMS & NHSN Tips
**Action Items**

**COMPLETE THESE ITEMS**

- Survey Required
  - 2021
- Mini-IRF Survey Required
  - 2021
- Confer Rights
  - Not Accepted

** ALERTS**

- 1 Missing Events
- 2 Incomplete Summary Items
- 26 Missing Summary Items
- 2 Missing Procedures
Withdraw Duplicate Accounts

Covid Pathway Module Instruction

Please follow these steps to withdraw any duplicate facilities:

1. Choose one NHSN facility OrgID to submit data and ensure the CCN is correct.
2. Merge data from any duplicate facilities into the one designated facility from step #1. This can be done by exporting the data from the duplicate facility and then re-importing that same file into the facility you have chosen to report COVID-19 data.

To export:

Log into the duplicate facility in NHSN and select COVID-19 from the left-hand menu. Select “Export CSV” at the bottom left of the calendar and select “All” on the next screen then select “Export” to export the data you have reported in the LVL1 facility.
Withdraw Duplicate Accounts

3. Withdraw duplicate facilities from NHSN by doing the following:
   a. Log into the duplicate enrolled facility in NHSN
   b. On the left navigation pane, select facility->facility info
   c. Scroll down to the component itemization and deselect the component that is a duplicate.
   d. Accept the alert indicating that you’ve deselected the facility.
   e. Select update to reflect changes.

4. Add users to the one NHSN facility chosen in step #1, if needed.

5. Email NHSN@cdc.gov with the subject line “NHSN LTC LVL1 Duplicate Facilities- Withdraw” and provide the following:
   a. [Name of facility] has withdrawn NHSN facility [orgID][date of establishment] and the data has been successfully merged into NHSN facility [orgID][date of establishment].
I Forgot My Password. How Do I Reset?

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.
How to Request Level-3 Access

To request level 3 access, please contact NHSN@cdc.gov and place in the subject line: SAMS Level 3 Access
Questions?
Thank You for Your Time!
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