

# COVID-19 Updates, Influenza Vaccination Reporting and NHSN Updates

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# Objectives

## Agenda:

- COVID-19 updates
- Discuss the ending of the COVID-19 public health emergency as it relates to NHSN reporting
- NHSN influenza vaccination reporting
- SAMS and NHSN updates
- Live questions and answers

# COVID-19 Updates



# Where Are We Now With COVID-19?



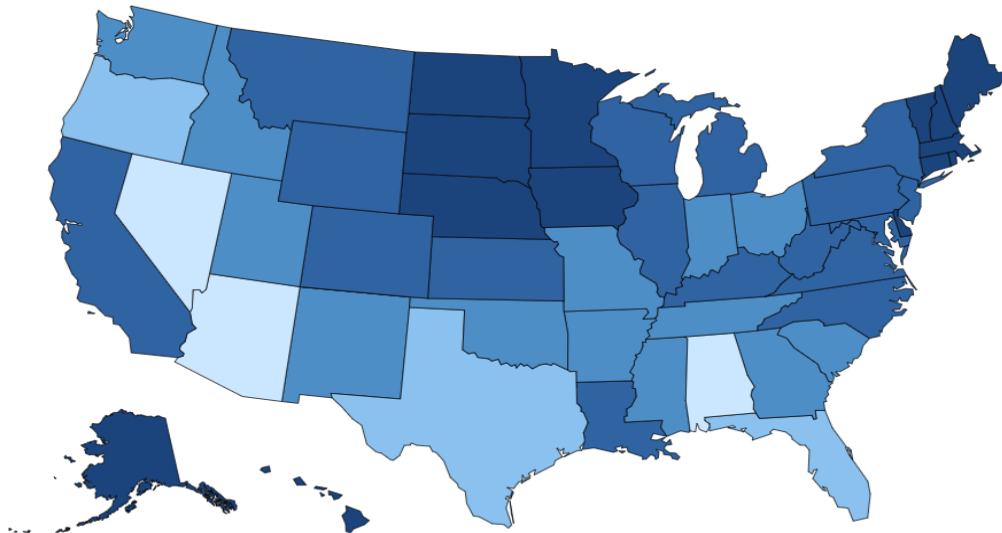
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Percent of Residents with Complete Primary Vaccine Series, 3/27/2023 - 4/2/2023



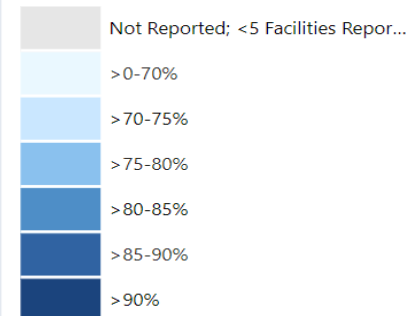
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Data source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Healthcare Safety Network. Accessibility: [Right click on the graph area to show as table]

For more information: <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/weekly-covid-vac/index.html>

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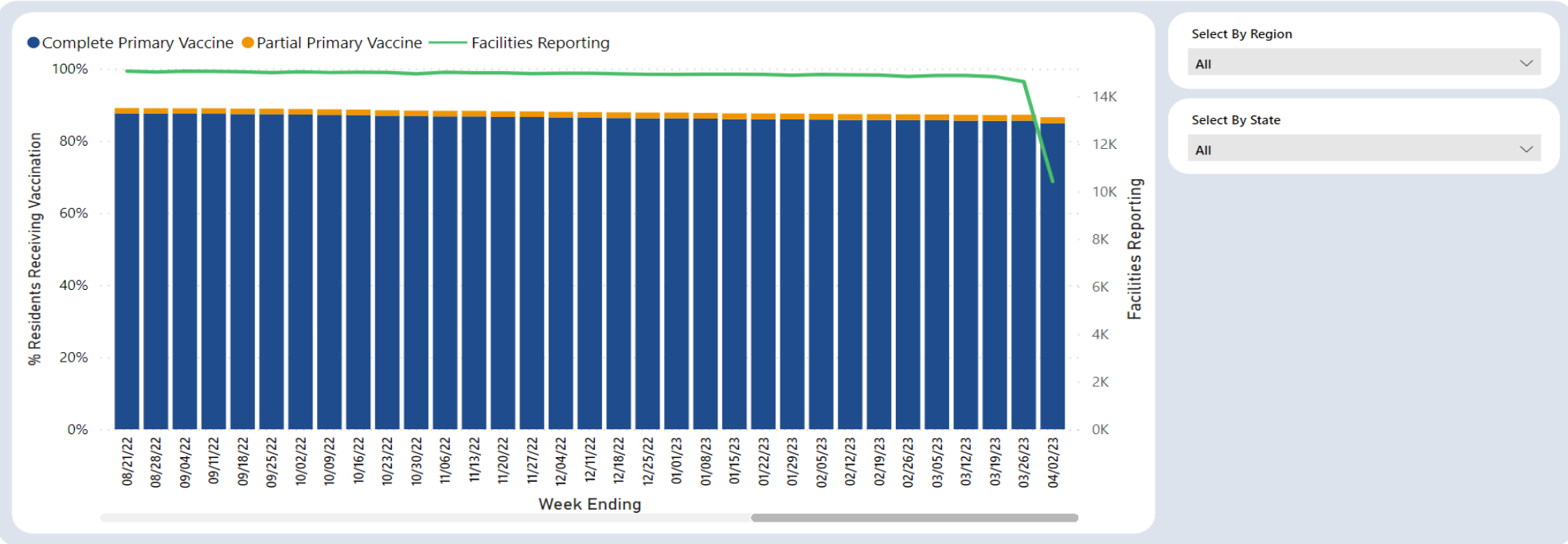


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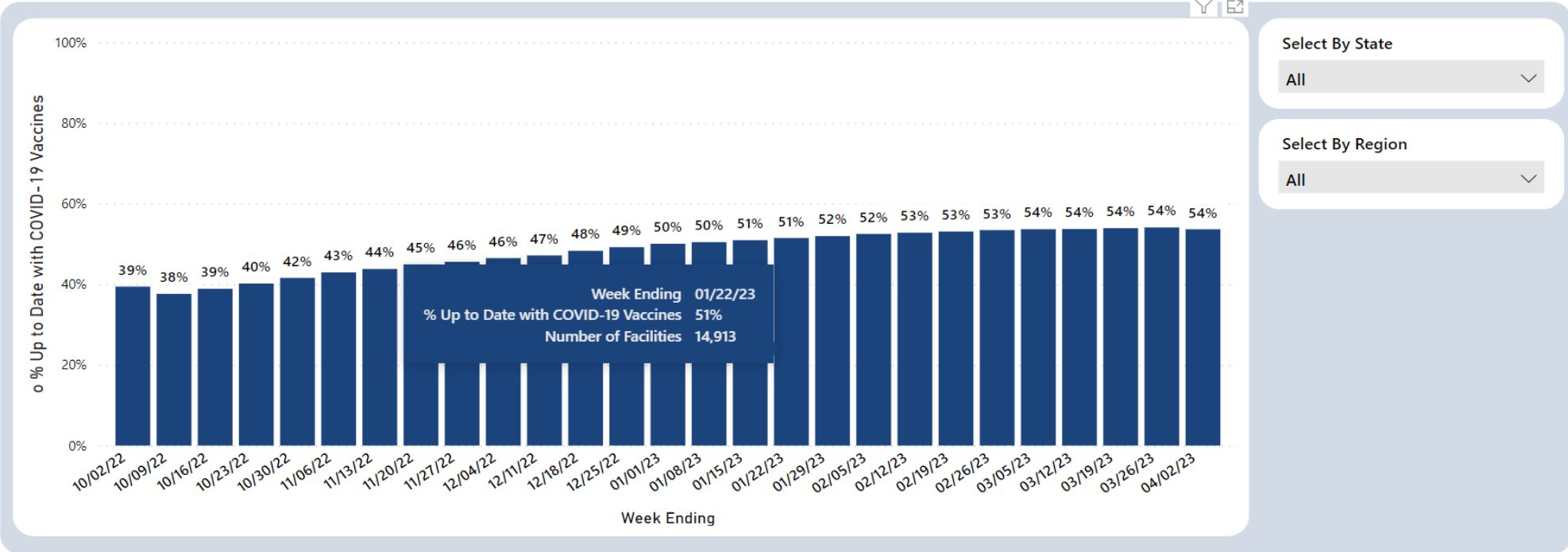
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## Percentage of Nursing Home Residents Who Are Up to Date with COVID-19 Vaccines, by State and Week – United States



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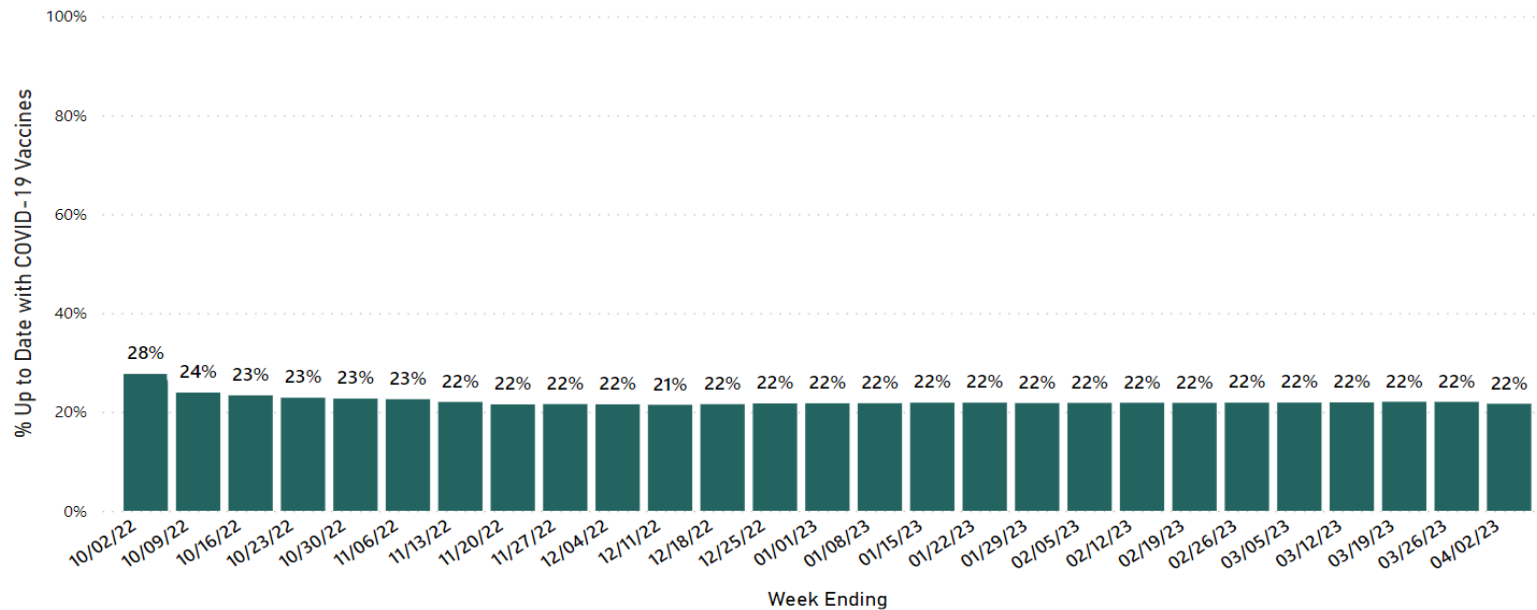
# Where Are We Now With COVID-19?



## Percentage of Nursing Home Staff Who Are Up to Date with COVID-19 Vaccines, by State and Week – United States



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Select By State

All

Select By Region

All

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<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#vaccinations-nursing-homes>

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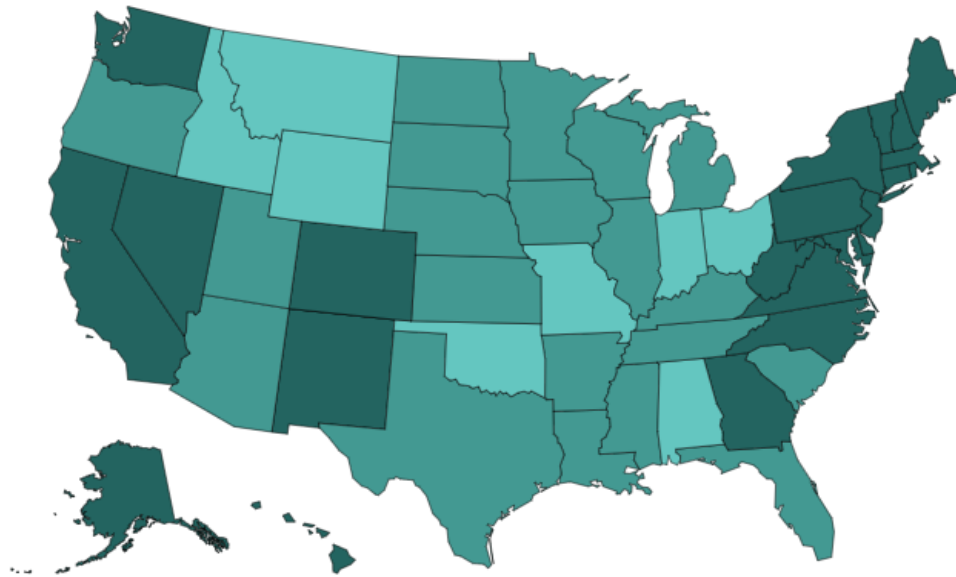
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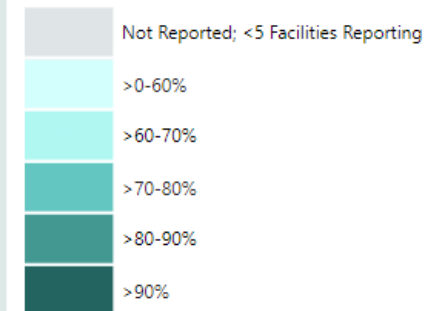
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# Ending of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

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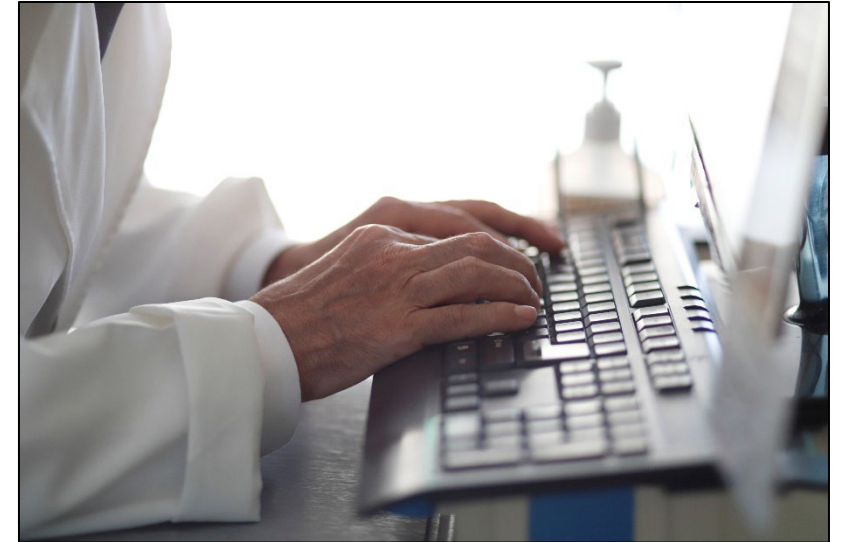
The COVID-19 public health emergency is expected to end on May 11, 2023.



<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2023/02/09/fact-sheet-covid-19-public-health-emergency-transition-roadmap.html>

# Ending of COVID-19 PHE

Nursing homes will continue to report COVID-19 data through NHSN and will continue to provide notification to residents and families of COVID-19 infections through December 31, 2024, unless CMS takes regulatory action otherwise.



<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-42/chapter-IV/subchapter-G/part-483/subpart-B/section-483.80>

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/cms-waivers-flexibilities-and-transition-forward-covid-19-public-health-emergency>



# Ending of COVID-19 PHE

Reporting of COVID-19 vaccination status continues through **May 2024** or until CMS declares otherwise.



# Staff Vaccination Mandate

- In November 2021, CMS implemented an interim final rule requiring staff, including volunteers, in most Medicare- and Medicaid-certified settings to complete the primary series of COVID-19 vaccination or be granted an approved exemption in order to work in or provide services on behalf of the certified setting.
- The federal mandate is incorporated in an interim final rule that will remain in effect until **November 2024** unless other action is taken.

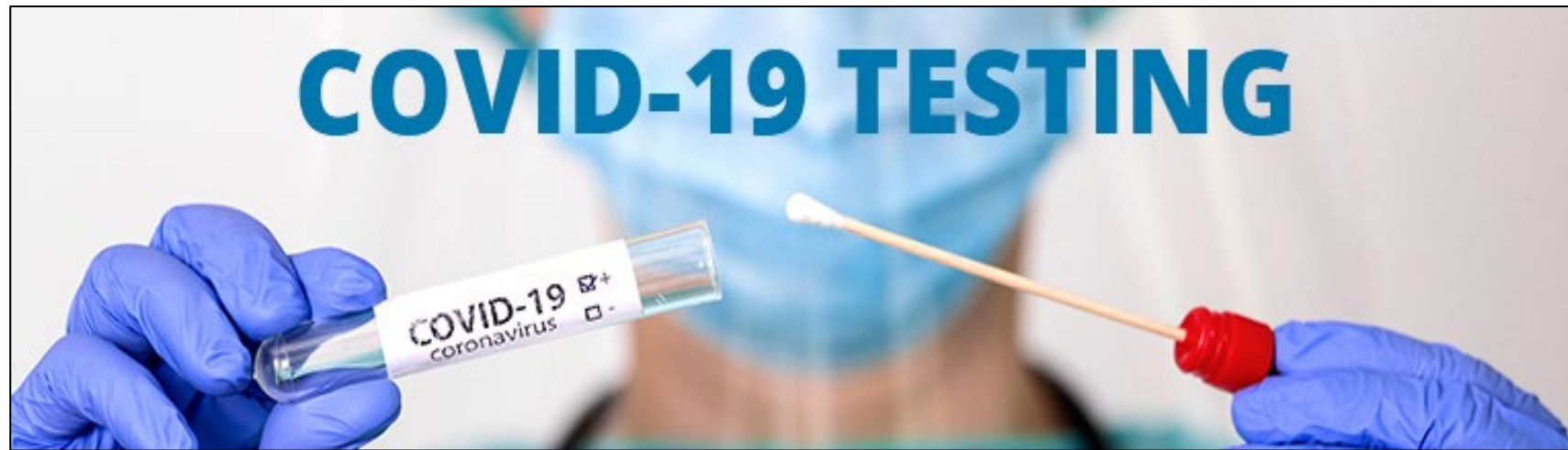
# Ending of COVID-19 PHE

Nursing homes will need to continue to educate and offer COVID-19 vaccination to staff and residents beyond the end of the PHE as part of the Requirements of Participation through **May 2024** or until otherwise specified by CMS.



# COVID-19 Testing Requirements

COVID-19 testing requirements will expire with the PHE on May 11; however, nursing homes should be mindful that they will still be subject to the “accepted standards” put forth by the CDC.



# NHSN HCP Influenza Vaccination Reporting and Tips

# HCP Influenza Vaccination Summary

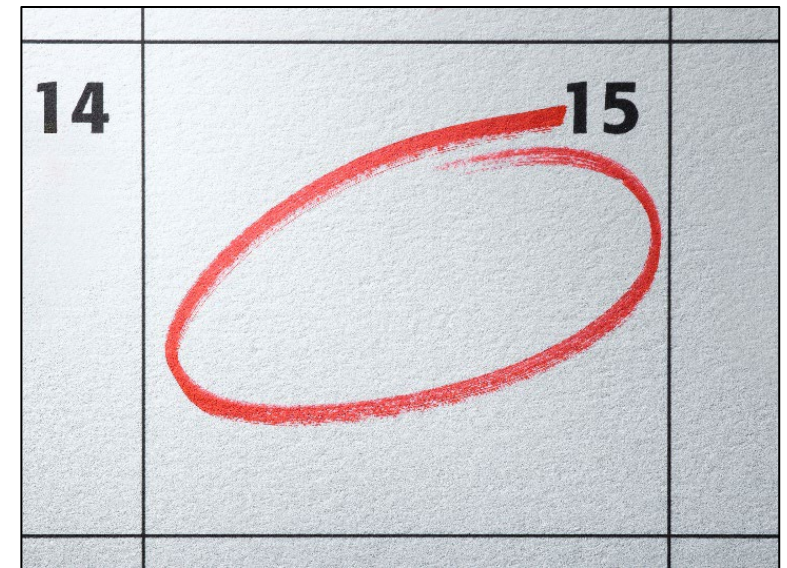
The Influenza Vaccination Summary within the HCP Vaccination Module is designed to assist facility staff in monitoring influenza vaccination percentages among HCP.





# HCP Influenza Vaccination Summary Reporting

The reporting period for the 2022-2023 influenza season is from October 1, 2022, through March 31, 2023. To meet CMS reporting requirements, HCP influenza vaccination summary data reports must be entered into NHSN no later than **May 15, 2023**, for the 2022-2023 influenza season. Facilities can edit their data after May 15, but the revised data will not be shared with CMS.





# HCP Influenza Vaccination Summary Reporting

*Monthly reporting in NHSN is not required; entering a single influenza vaccination summary report at the end of the reporting period for the influenza season will meet the minimum data requirements for NHSN participation. However, facilities are encouraged to update HCP influenza vaccination summary counts every month so the data can be used to inform influenza vaccination activities at the facility.*

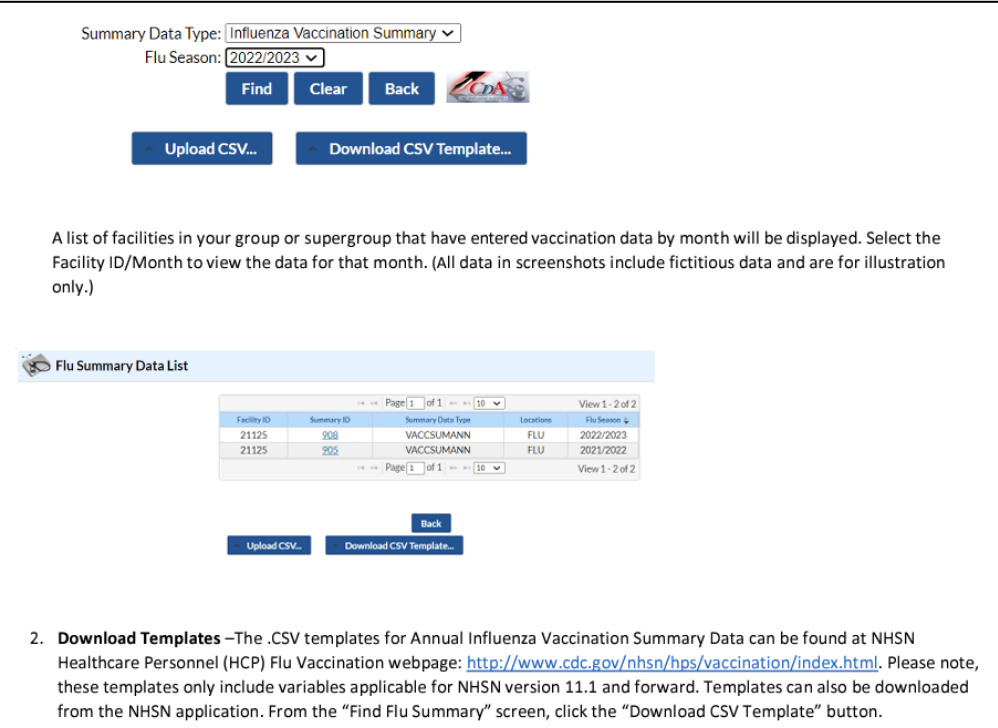


# How To Report Annual HCP Influenza Vaccination Summary Data

Data can be reported in two ways:

1. Entering data directly into the NHSN application through the **Healthcare Personnel Influenza Vaccination Module**.

2. Uploading .CSV files into the Healthcare Personnel Influenza Vaccination Module. Instructions for uploading data, a .CSV file template, and .CSV example file can be accessed [here](#).



The screenshot shows the NHSN application interface for reporting influenza vaccination summary data. At the top, there is a form with the following fields and buttons:

- Summary Data Type: Influenza Vaccination Summary (dropdown menu)
- Flu Season: 2022/2023 (dropdown menu)
- Buttons: Find, Clear, Back
- Buttons: Upload CSV..., Download CSV Template...

Below the form, there is a text box stating: "A list of facilities in your group or supergroup that have entered vaccination data by month will be displayed. Select the Facility ID/Month to view the data for that month. (All data in screenshots include fictitious data and are for illustration only.)"

The main content area displays a "Flu Summary Data List" table with the following data:

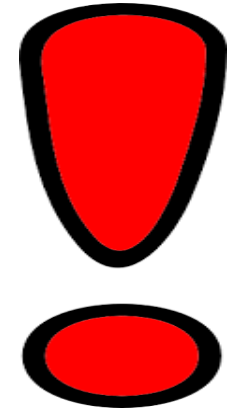
| Facility ID | Summary ID | Summary Data Type | Locations | Flu Season |
|-------------|------------|-------------------|-----------|------------|
| 21125       | 908        | VACCSUMANN        | FLU       | 2022/2023  |
| 21125       | 905        | VACCSUMANN        | FLU       | 2021/2022  |

Below the table, there are buttons for "Upload CSV...", "Download CSV Template...", and "Back".

2. **Download Templates** –The .CSV templates for Annual Influenza Vaccination Summary Data can be found at NHSN Healthcare Personnel (HCP) Flu Vaccination webpage: <http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/hps/vaccination/index.html>. Please note, these templates only include variables applicable for NHSN version 11.1 and forward. Templates can also be downloaded from the NHSN application. From the "Find Flu Summary" screen, click the "Download CSV Template" button.

# HCP Influenza Vaccination Summary Data

- To report HCP influenza vaccination summary data, all facilities or units must complete the HCP Influenza Vaccination Summary Form.
- Facilities must activate the Healthcare Personnel Safety Component in NHSN to report HCP influenza vaccination summary data. Only the NHSN Facility Administrator (FA) can activate a new component. All facility and unit types should submit HCP influenza vaccination summary data to NHSN using this component.



Please note that reporting weekly influenza vaccination data through the NHSN Long-term Care Facility (LTCF) Component does **not** fulfill the CMS annual healthcare personnel influenza vaccination data reporting requirement!

# Activating the HCP Component

1. Facility administrator logs into SAMS:

<https://nhsn2.cdc.gov/nhsn/>

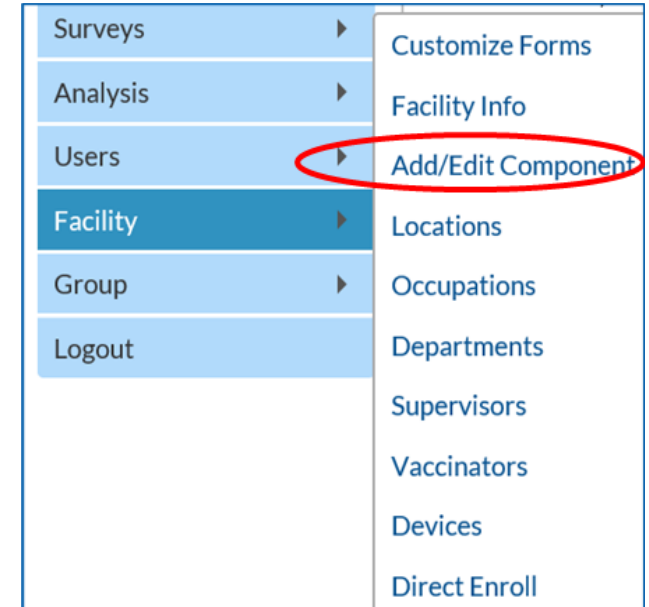
- Click “NHSN Reporting.”

2. From the Home Page, click “Facility” then “Add/Edit Component.”

- Check the box next to Healthcare Personnel Safety.

3. Facility Administrator adds HPS Component Primary Contact.

- Enter the name, phone, e-mail, and address of the person to be contacted if CDC/NHSN has updates or questions about the HPS Component.



# Activating the HCP Component

- Facility Administrator adds HPS Component Primary Contact as a user within the NHSN facility.
  - Click “Users” on the navigation bar, then click “Add”
  - Complete the “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.

# Adding a NHSN User

- Recommend at least two NHSN users
- To add: click “Users > Add”
- Complete required fields

**NHSN Home**

- Alerts
- Reporting Plan ▶
- HCW ▶
- Lab Test ▶
- Exposure ▶
- Prophy/Treat ▶
- Import/Export
- Vaccination Summary ▶
- Surveys ▶
- Analysis ▶
- Users ▶
- Facility ▶
- Group ▶
- Logout

## Add User

Mandatory fields marked with \*

User ID \* :  Up to 32 letters and/or numbers, no spaces or special characters

Prefix :

First Name \* :

Middle Name :

Last Name \* :

Title :

User Active : Y - Yes ▼

User Type :

Phone Number \* :  Extension :

Fax Number :

E-mail Address \* :

Address, line 1 :

Address, line 2 :

Address, line 3 :

City :

State :

# HPS Component Home Page

Select 'Vaccination Summary', then 'Annual Flu Vaccination Summary', and lastly, 'Add' on the left-hand navigation bar.

The screenshot displays the HPS Component Home Page interface. On the left is a vertical navigation menu with the following items: NHSN Home, Alerts, Reporting Plan, HCW, Lab Test, Exposure, Prophy/Treat, Import/Export, Vaccination Summary, Surveys, and Analysis. The 'Vaccination Summary' item is expanded, showing a sub-menu with 'Annual Vaccination Flu Summary', 'Weekly Flu Vaccination Summary', and 'COVID-19 Weekly Vaccination Summary'. The 'Annual Vaccination Flu Summary' item is further expanded to show 'Add', 'Find', and 'Incomplete' options. The main content area is titled 'Add Summary Data' and features a dropdown menu for 'Summary Data Type' set to 'Influenza Vaccination Summary'. Below the dropdown are two buttons: 'Continue' and 'Back'.



# HPS Component

**NHSN Home**

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**Add Influenza Vaccination Summary**

[Print Form](#)

Mandatory fields marked with \*

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

Facility ID \*:

Vaccination type \*:

Influenza subtype \*:

Flu Season \*:

Date Last Modified:

| 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"/>     |

**Custom Fields**

# HCP Influenza Vaccination Reporting

- 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 one 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.

# 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 \*:

Vaccination type \*: Influenza

Influenza subtype \*: Seasonal

Flu Season \*: 2020/2021

Locations \*:

Date Last Modified: 01/14/2021

# Editing HCP Influenza Vaccination Data

Click “Edit” to modify existing data.

| 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  | 25                                      | 25   | 25                                     | 15                       |
| 2. Number of HCP who received an influenza vaccine at this healthcare facility since influenza vaccine became available this season  | 5                                       | 5  | 5                                      | 3                        |
| 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 | 5                                       | 5  | 5                                      | 3                        |
| 4. Number of HCP who have a medical contraindication to the influenza vaccine  | 5                                       | 5  | 5                                      | 3                        |
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| 6. Number of HCP with unknown vaccination status (or criteria not met for questions 2-5 above)   | 5                                       | 5  | 5                                      | 3                        |

Custom Fields  
TEST1:  TEST2:

Comments

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

# Saving HCP Influenza Vaccination Data

Click “Save” to save the updated data.

| HCP categories   | Employees<br>(staff on<br>facility<br>payroll) * | Licensed<br>independent<br>practitioners:<br>Physicians,<br>advanced<br>practice nurses,<br>& physician<br>assistants * | Adult<br>students/<br>trainees &<br>volunteers * | Other<br>Contract<br>Personnel  |
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Custom Fields  
TEST1:  TEST2:

Comments

# Saving HCP Influenza Vaccination Data

A message confirming that data were saved should appear at the top of the screen.



Successfully updated Influenza Vaccination Summary record. A record for the selected summary data element already exists.

# Seasonal HCP Influenza Survey

The Seasonal Survey on Influenza Vaccination Programs for HCP is **not** required at this time. However, facilities are encouraged to complete the short survey as the information can help CDC examine the relationship of different vaccination program elements to facility-reported vaccination percentages.

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# Influenza Vaccination Resources

## Annual Flu Summary

[Comprehensive Training – October 2022](#)  [PDF – 2 MB]

Comprehensive training slides on collecting and entering HCP influenza vaccination summary data.

<https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/hps/vaccination/index.html>

# Alliant Health and NHSN Updates

# NHSN SAMS Access Issues

**SAMS Partner Portal** Questions please contact the SAMS Help Desk at [samshelp@cdc.gov](mailto:samshelp@cdc.gov) or call 1-877-681-2901.

NHSN questions may be directed to [NHSN@cdc.gov](mailto:NHSN@cdc.gov).



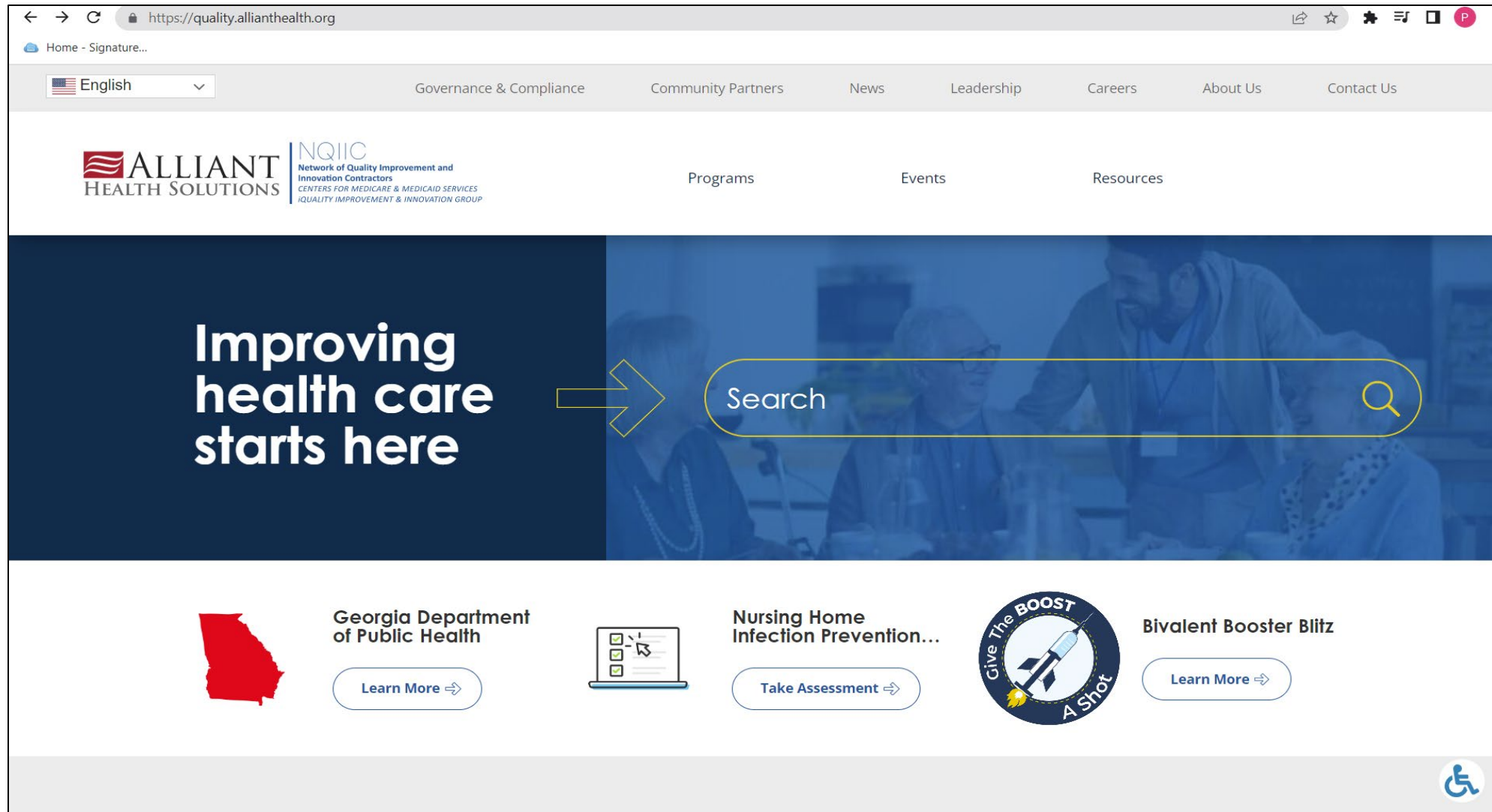
# NHSN Help Desk

## Resolution Timeframes

| Help Requests   | Resolution Time   |
|---|---|
| Requests received 15 days prior to a Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) reporting deadline                | Requests directly related to CMS reporting and requiring subject matter expert involvement will be resolved within 7 business days. |
| Requests requiring Subject Matter Expertise (SME) received from 5 to 15 business days prior to a CMS reporting deadline | Requests directly related to CMS reporting and requiring subject matter expert involvement will be resolved within 5 business days  |
| Requests requiring SME received 4 business days or less, before a CMS reporting deadline                                | Every effort will be made to resolve each request before the deadline   |
| Requests requiring SME, not related to CMS reporting deadline   | Within 7 business days  |
| No Subject Matter Expertise response required   | Within 2-5 business days  |

*\*Subject Matter Expertise is required for questions regarding data analysis or surveillance protocol interpretations.*

# Alliant Health Solutions Updated Website!



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The screenshot displays the Alliant Health Solutions website interface. At the top left is the logo for Alliant Health Solutions, which includes the text "ALLIANT HEALTH SOLUTIONS" and "NQIIC Network of Quality Improvement and Innovation Contractors CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES QUALITY IMPROVEMENT & INNOVATION GROUP". To the right of the logo are navigation links for "Programs", "Events", and "Resources". Below the navigation is a search bar containing the text "shop talk" and a "Search" button with a magnifying glass icon. Underneath the search bar is a section titled "POPULAR TOPICS" with the heading "Explore trending topics". A red arrow points down from the word "trending" to a button labeled "Shop Talks" in a grid of ten topic buttons. The other buttons in the grid are: "ESRD 14", "Virtual Education Events", "BOOST", "ESRD 8", "HQIC", "Decrease Opioid Misuse", "NCRN", "Infection Control", "Nursing Homes", and "GDPH".

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What can we help you find?

Search

## Shop Talks & Quickinars

A shop talk is a webinar hosted by Alliant to share information and resources.

Updates and support for surveillance, tracking and infection prevention in nursing homes using National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN). This WebEx is focused on submitting COVID-19 data but may include other components such as C. Diff, UTIs and hand hygiene.

[Click here](#) to access the Shop Talk Shorts FAQs and video playlist.

[Click here](#) to access the NHSN Weekly COVID-19 Vaccine Summary – Do Not Report Zeros resource.





# Shop Talk and Shop Talk Shorts YouTube Channel

**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

**ShopTalk Shorts: FAQs**

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13 videos 3,665 views Last updated on Nov 16, 2022

Play all Shuffle

Please join us for our ShopTalk Webinar Series. Before doing so take a look at these FAQs to get ready for the higher level conversation.

- Activating the HPS Component (cont.)**  
Shop Talk Short Influenza Vaccination Reporting 11 16 22  
Alliant QIO • 362 views • 4 months ago
- 1. Use an Excel Tracking Sheet for Vaccination Data**  
Shop Talk Short: How to Download the New Tracking Sheets and Tracking Your Vaccine Data Accurately  
Alliant QIO • 294 views • 1 year ago
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- Shop Talk Shorts: How do you find out who has access and rights for your facility account?**  
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- ST Shorts: I used my grid card at my previous facility. Can I use it to access my new facility?**  
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- Helpful Tips**  
ST Short: My administrator added me as a user to our facility's NHSN account, but I can't login.  
Alliant QIO • 343 views • 2 years ago

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

**Questions?**



# Thank You for Your Time!

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# Mark Your Calendar!



Shop Talk

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

**Registration Link**

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



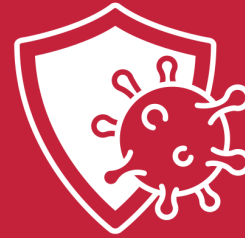
## CHRONIC DISEASE SELF-MANAGEMENT

- 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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