

# Shop Talk For Long-Term Care Facilities: Updates to CMS NHSN Reporting Requirements, COVID-19 and Respiratory Viruses Updates, NHSN Updates, and Live Q&A

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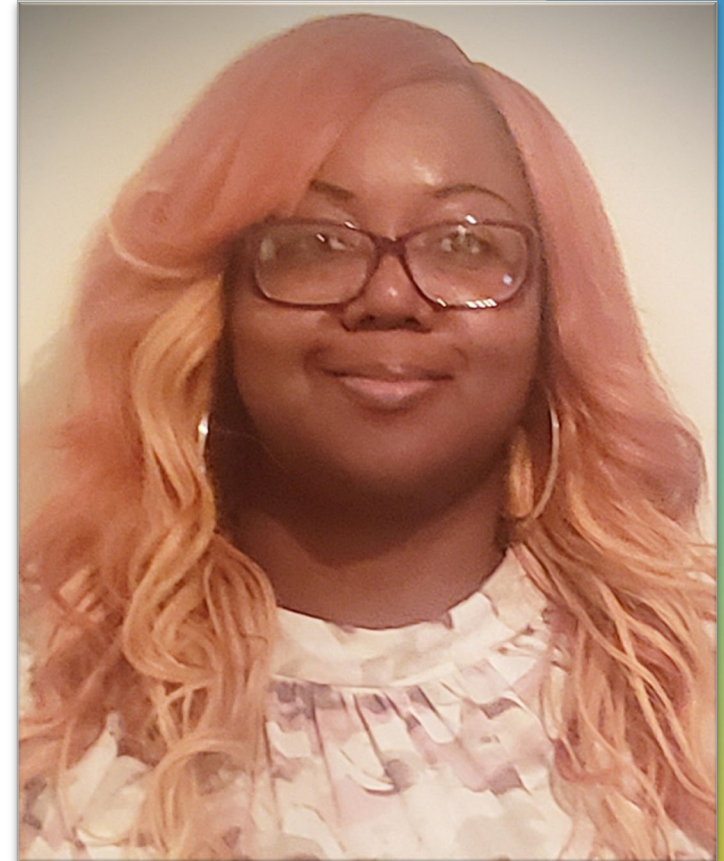
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# Agenda

- CMS NHSN Reporting Requirements Update
- COVID-19 and Respiratory Viruses Updates
- NHSN Q3 Review
- NHSN Respiratory Pathogens Reporting
- Alliant Health and NHSN updates
- Live questions and answers

# CMS NHTSN Reporting Requirements Update

# Long-Term Care (LTC) Facility Acute Respiratory Illness Data Reporting

- CMS **proposes** replacing the current COVID-19 reporting standards for LTC facilities that sunset on December 31, 2024
- Beginning on January 1, 2025, the new standard could require facilities to electronically report information about COVID-19, influenza, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)



# NHSN COVID-19 LTCF Reporting Requirements

NHSN Reporting Requirement	NHSN Reporting Deadline
<p><b>COVID-19/Respiratory Pathogens Pathway Data Reporting:</b> New data should be reported weekly representing the time since the last report date.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Resident Impact and Facility Capacity</li><li>2. Staff and Personnel Impact</li></ol>	<p>Reporting week is Monday through Sunday. <b>Data must be submitted to NHSN once every reporting week.</b> Report consistently each week.</p>
<p><b>COVID-19 Vaccination Data Reporting:</b> Cumulative data should be reported every week for all residents and staff that were in your facility for the week of data collection.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Residents</li><li>2. HCP</li></ol>	<p><b>Report once every week before Sunday at 11:59 p.m. (UTC).</b></p>

# CMS Reporting Requirements

Reminder: Facilities can contact CMS with questions about reporting requirements

- Weekly reporting requirement questions:  
[DNH\\_TriageTeam@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:DNH_TriageTeam@cms.hhs.gov)
- Quality reporting program questions:  
[SNFQualityQuestions@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:SNFQualityQuestions@cms.hhs.gov)

# COVID-19 & Respiratory Viruses Updates

# CDC Updates Respiratory Virus Dashboards

- 1)** The [COVID-19 Data Tracker](#) is the CDC's flagship website for comprehensive data on COVID-19. Current hospital data visualizations using NHSN data, including those used to calculate COVID-19 County Hospital Admission Levels, have been archived.
  - These have been replaced with [visualizations](#) that display data that hospitals voluntarily submit to the CDC's NHSN.
- 2)** The [Respiratory Virus Data Channel](#) is CDC's one-stop shop for main data findings concerning the “big 3” viral respiratory illnesses—COVID-19, flu, and RSV. Current hospital data visualizations for COVID-19 and flu hospitalizations using NHSN data have been archived from the site and replaced with the respective findings from COVID-NET and FluSurv-NET.
  - [RSV-NET](#) findings will continue to be displayed on the site.
- 3)** [Data.cdc.gov](#) is the CDC's central web-based platform that provides access to data published by the CDC for partners and the public. Datasets that include the historical NHSN data have been archived and remain available on data.cdc.gov for public use.
  - Voluntarily reported NHSN hospital data products that include information on COVID-19 and flu will be made available to provide transparency in continued data collection efforts.

# COVID-19 Update for the United States

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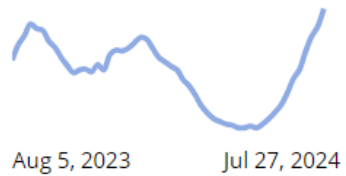
### Early Indicators

#### Test Positivity >

% Test Positivity

**16.3%**

Week ending July 27, 2024  
Previous week 14.3%

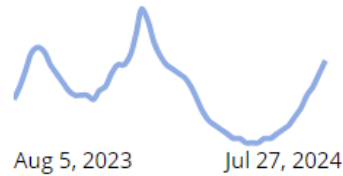


#### Emergency Department Visits >

% Diagnosed as COVID-19

**2.2%**

Week ending July 27, 2024  
Previous week 1.9%



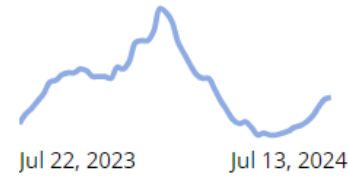
### Severity Indicators

#### Hospitalizations >

Rate per 100,000 population

**3.1**

Week ending July 13, 2024  
Previous week 3.0

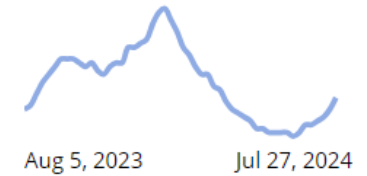


#### Deaths >

% of All Deaths in U.S. Due to COVID-19

**1.5%**

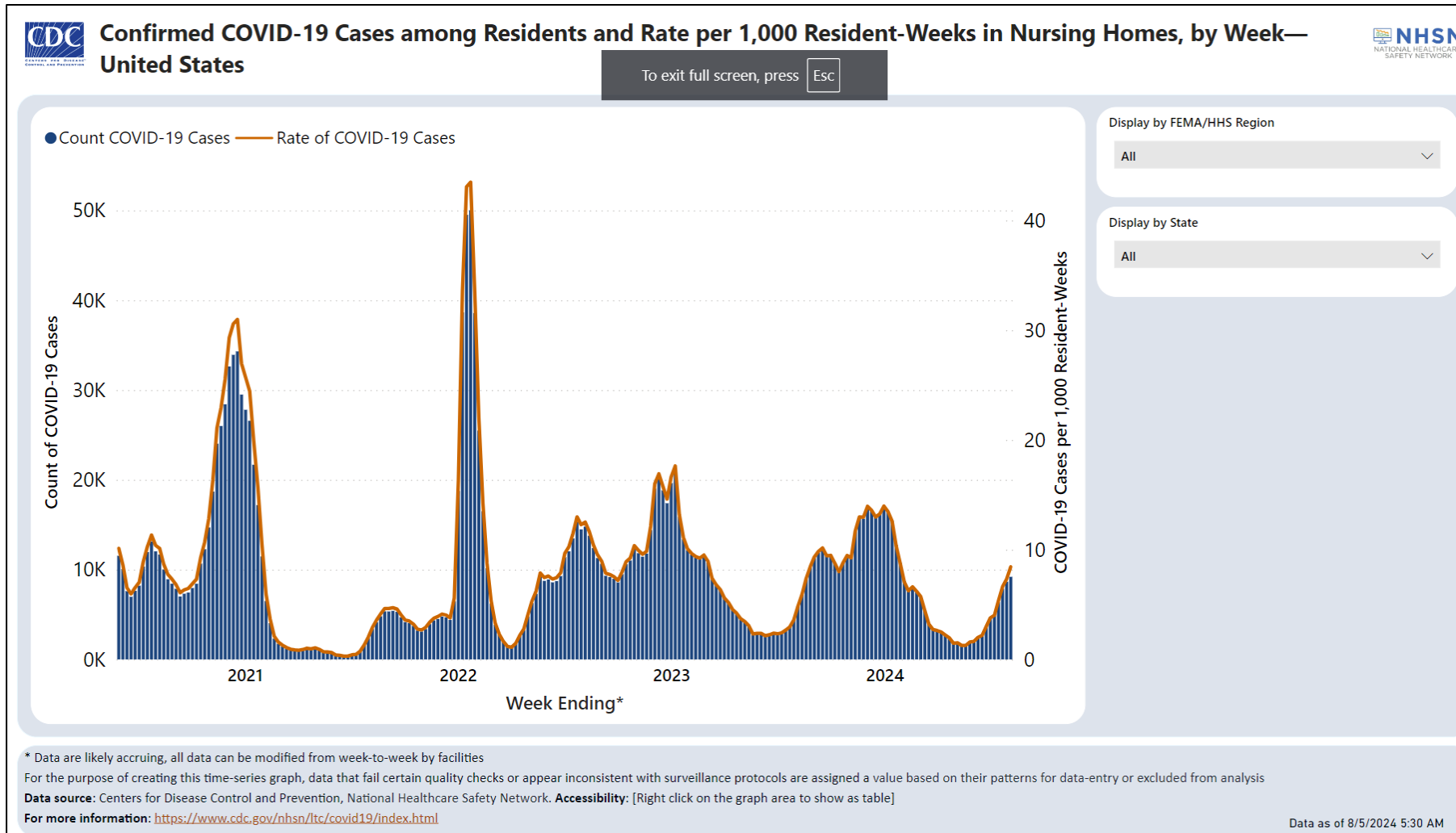
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Previous week 1.2%



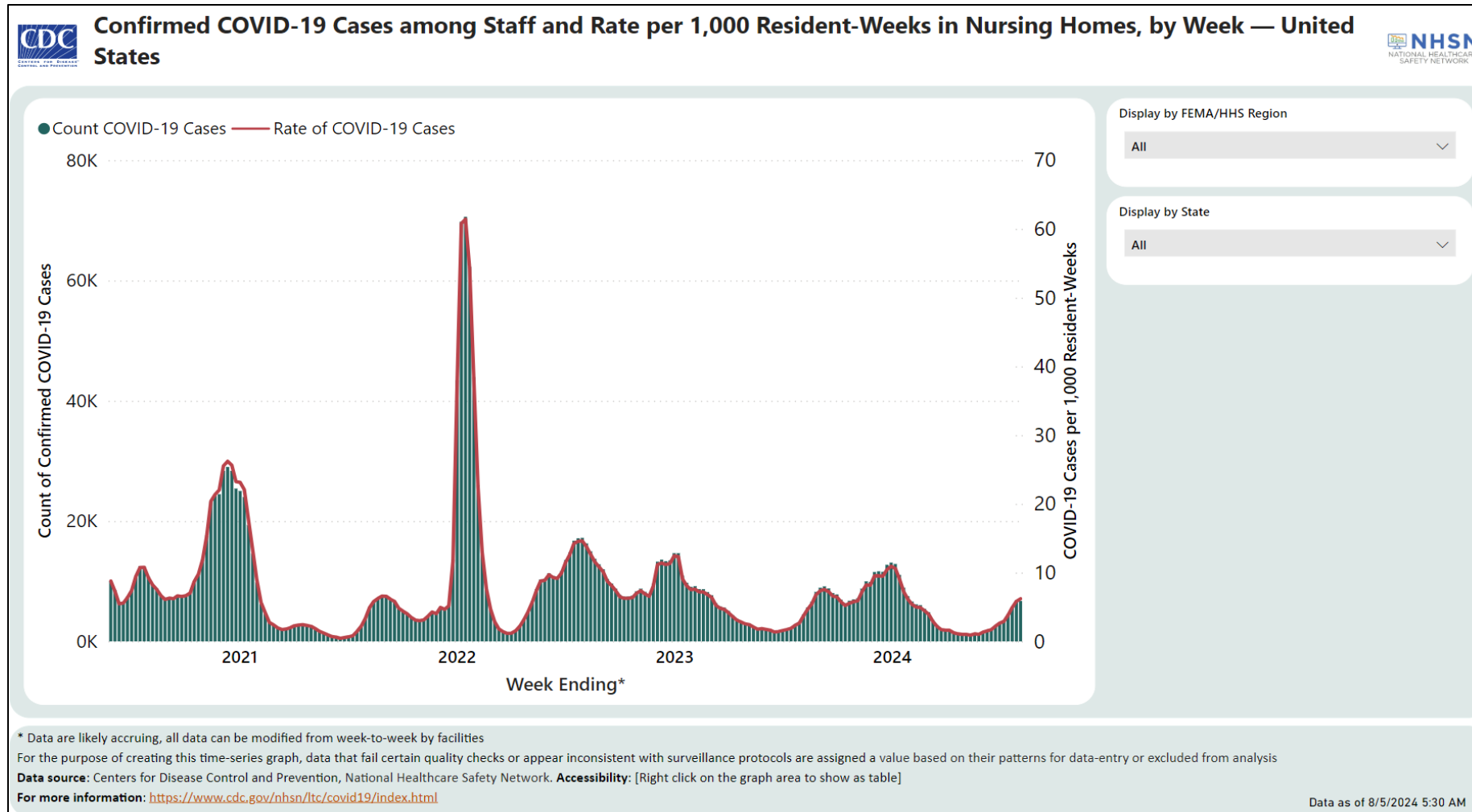
These early indicators represent a portion of national COVID-19 tests and emergency department visits. [Wastewater](#) information also provides early indicators of spread.

CDC | Test Positivity data through: July 27, 2024; Emergency Department Visit data through: July 27, 2024; Hospitalization data through: July 13, 2024; Death data through: July 27, 2024.  
Posted: August 5, 2024 3:00 PM ET

# Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Among Residents in Nursing Homes



# Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Among Staff in Nursing Homes



# CDC Respiratory Illnesses Data Channel

What's happening near you

Georgia

Chatham

Submit

[Reset](#)

## Minimal overall respiratory illness activity in Georgia

Based on healthcare visits for [fever and cough or sore throat](#):

Now is a good time to get your recommended vaccinations before respiratory illness is more widespread to reduce your risk of serious illness.

Find more respiratory illness data, including a national overview

[Weekly Viral Respiratory Illness Snapshot](#) >

## Illness trends in Chatham, Georgia

Based on visits to [emergency departments](#):

→ Flu  
NO  
CHANGE

→ RSV  
NO  
CHANGE

↗ COVID-19  
INCREASING



# CDC Respiratory Virus Recommendations

- Stay [up-to-date with vaccinations](#) to protect against serious illness, hospitalization, and death. This includes flu, COVID-19, and RSV if eligible.
- Practicing good hygiene by covering coughs and sneezes, washing or sanitizing hands often, and cleaning frequently touched surfaces.
- Taking steps to clean the air, such as bringing in more fresh outside air, purifying indoor air, or gathering outdoors.

**Respiratory Virus Guidance Snapshot**

**Core prevention strategies**

- Immunizations**: Illustration of a woman with her arms crossed.
- Hygiene**: Illustration of a woman washing her hands at a sink.
- Steps for Cleaner Air**: Illustration of a window with a fan and a plant.
- Treatment**: Illustration of a man on a phone with a pill bottle.
- Stay Home and Prevent Spread\***: Illustration of a woman holding her head.

**Additional prevention strategies**

- Masks**: Illustration of a person wearing a face mask.
- Distancing**: Illustration of two people with a dashed line between them.
- Tests**: Illustration of a person holding a test kit.

**Layering prevention strategies can be especially helpful when:**

- ✓ Respiratory viruses are causing a lot of illness in your community
- ✓ You or those around you have risk factors for severe illness
- ✓ You or those around you were recently exposed, are sick, or are recovering

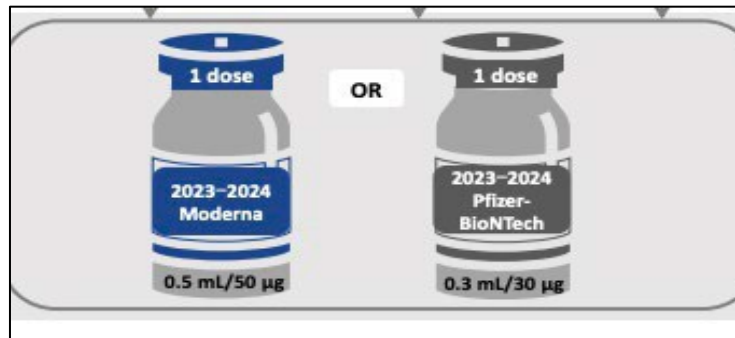
**\*Stay home and away from others until, for 24 hours BOTH:**

- Your symptoms are getting better
- You are fever-free (without meds)

**Then take added precaution for the next 5 days**

# Stay Up-to-Date With COVID-19 Vaccines

- CDC recommends the 2023-2024 updated COVID-19 vaccines Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, or Novavax to protect against serious illness from COVID-19
- None of the updated 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccines is preferred over another
- Everyone aged 5 years and older should get one dose of an updated COVID-19 vaccine to protect against serious illness from COVID-19
- People aged 65 years and older who received one dose of any updated 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna or Novavax) should receive one additional dose of an updated COVID-19 vaccine at least four months after the previous updated dose
- COVID-19 vaccine recommendations will be updated as needed



# Updated 2024-2025 COVID-19 Vaccine

- On June 27, 2024, the CDC adopted the ACIP's recommendations for the use of 2024–2025 COVID-19 vaccines
- The 2024–2025 vaccines are expected to be available in fall 2024
- CDC recommends everyone ages 6 months and older receive an updated 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccine to protect against the potentially serious outcomes of COVID-19 this fall and winter

# Updated 2024-2025 Flu Vaccine Recommendation

- CDC recommends that everyone 6 months of age and older receive an updated 2024-2025 flu vaccine to reduce the risk of influenza
- Providers are encouraged to begin their influenza vaccination planning efforts now and to vaccinate patients as indicated once 2024-2025 influenza vaccines become available
- September and October remain the best times for most people to get vaccinated

**NHSN Reporting  
Period Q3  
(July 1, 2024 –  
September 29, 2024)**

# NHSN Reporting Period Q3

**From July 1, 2024 – September 29, 2024**

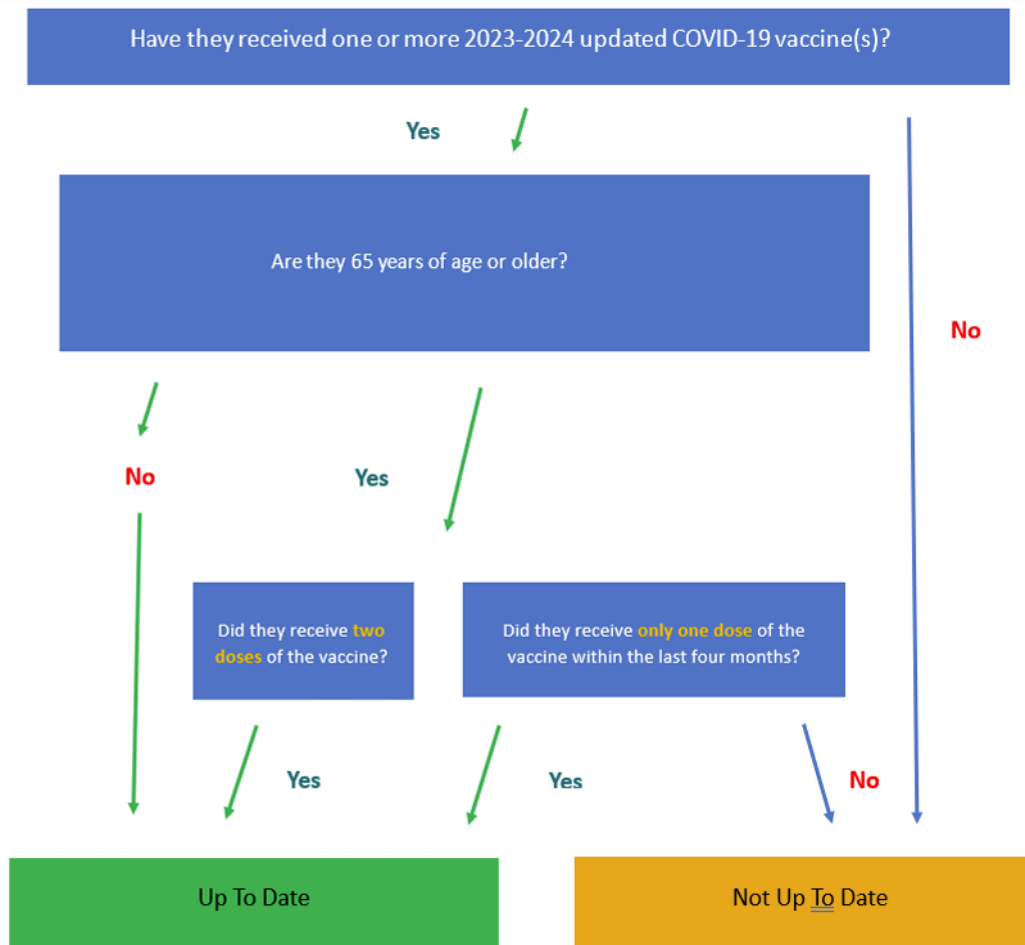
For this reporting quarter, individuals are considered up-to-date with their COVID-19 vaccines for NHSN surveillance if they meet the following criteria:

- Individuals aged 65 years and older: Received two doses of the updated 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccine or one dose of the updated 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccine within the past four months
- Individuals younger than 65 years of age: Received one dose of the updated 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccine

# Up-To-Date With COVID-19 Vaccines Decision Tree

Appendix 1a: Decision Tree: Up to date with COVID-19 Vaccines during the surveillance period Quarter 2 2024 (April 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024) and Quarter 3 2024 (July 1, 2024 – September 29 2024) for the COVID-19 Vaccination Modules

Facilities can use the following decision tree to help determine up to date vaccination status for the NHSN COVID-19 Vaccination Modules during the reporting period of Quarter 2 of 2024 (representing vaccination data for April 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024) and Quarter 3 2024 (representing data for July 1, 2024 – September 29, 2024).



# NHSN Reporting Period Q3

How should facilities report data beginning with Quarter 3 of 2024?

- Residents and health care personnel aged **65 and older** should **NOT** be counted as up-to-date with COVID-19 vaccines until they receive a second dose of the 2023-2024 updated COVID-19 vaccine; **or** if they have received one dose of the updated 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccine in the past four months
- Be careful not to incorrectly over-report the numbers of residents who are up-to-date. **Residents aged 65 and older who previously had one dose of the 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccine greater than four months ago should NOT be counted as up-to-date (Question #2)**
- Continue to count residents and health care personnel aged **less than 65** as up-to-date if they have received one dose of the updated 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccine



# Reviewing Q3 Up-to-Date Definitions Polling Questions

# Polling Question #1

James (67 years old) is a health care worker at Giant Peach Nursing Home. In January 2024, he received one dose of the updated 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccine and a second dose in July 2024.

Is James considered up-to-date?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. Not sure

# Answer

A. Yes

**James IS considered up-to-date.**

## Where to document?

James should be counted in **Question #2 (up-to-date)** because he is over 65 years old and received two doses of the updated 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccine.

# Polling Question #2

Andy (80 years old) is a resident at Buzz Lightyear Health and Rehab. He has declined all COVID-19 vaccines and states he will “never get one.”

Is Andy considered up-to-date?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. Not sure

# Answer

B. No

Andy is **NOT** considered up-to-date.

## Where to document?

Andy should be counted in **Question #3.2 (declined vaccine)** because he declined to receive the updated 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccine.

# Polling Question #3

Mary (45 years old) is a health care worker at Hocus Pocus Nursing Home. She reported a medical contraindication that prevented her from receiving the updated COVID-19 vaccine in 2023- 2024.

Is Mary considered up-to-date?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. Not sure

# Answer

B. No

**Mary is NOT considered up-to-date.**

## **Where to document?**

Mary should be counted in **Question #3.1 (medical contraindication)** because she has a medical contraindication that prevents her from receiving the 2023-2024 updated COVID-19 vaccine.

# Polling Question #4

Elsa (38 years old) is a resident at Let It Go Nursing & Rehab Center. She refused all previous COVID-19 vaccines but decided to receive the updated 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccine.

Is Elsa considered up-to-date?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. Not sure



# Answer

A. Yes

**Elsa IS considered up-to-date.**

## Where to document?

Elsa should be counted in **Question #2 (up-to-date)** because she is younger than 65 and needs only one dose of the 2023-2024 updated COVID-19 vaccine to be considered up-to-date.

# NHSN Respiratory Pathogens Reporting

# Is NHSN Reporting Required for Influenza and RSV Vaccines for LTCF Residents?

Reporting for Influenza and RSV is optional

- There are not currently any federal regulations for reporting these vaccines among this population
- Reporting is still highly encouraged!

# Long-Term Care Facility Home Page

- First, go to the NHSN Long Term Care Facility Component Home Page
- Go to the "COVID-19 / Respiratory Pathogens" tab
- Select Vaccination-Residents

NHSN - National Healthcare Safety Network (ltcf1160-5df4d668f6-zx7t8:80)

NHSN Long Term Care Facility Component Home Page

Long Term Care Dashboard

Action Items

Dashboard

Pathway Data Reporting

POC Test Result Reporting

COVID-19 Event

COVID-19 Vaccination - HCP

Vaccination - Residents

Person-Level COVID-19 Vaccination Form - HCP

Person-Level COVID-19 Vaccination Form

# Complete COVID-19 Vaccine Residents Form

- Required to report COVID-19 residents' data **before** entering Influenza/RSV vaccination data
- Continue to report COVID-19 per CMS requirements
- Question 1 from COVID-19 residents form will auto populate total residents on Flu/RSV form

Edit Vaccine Data

COVID-19 Vaccine: HCP COVID-19 Vaccine: Residents Influenza/RSV: Residents

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

Date Created: 10/03/2023 3:50PM

\*Facility ID: [REDACTED] \*Vaccination type: [REDACTED]

\*Week of Data Collection: 10/02/2023 - 10/08/2023 \*Date Last Modified: 10/03/2023 3:50PM

**Complete COVID-19 Residents Form**

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 use the Person-Level COVID-19 Vaccination Form and select the "view reporting summary and submit" to submit these data. Using the person-level forms is recommended to ensure that individuals who are up to date with COVID-19 vaccination are categorized appropriately according to their vaccination dates.

1. * Number of residents staying in this facility for at least 1 day during the week of data collection	100
2. * Cumulative number of residents in Question #1 who are up to date with COVID-19 vaccines.	80

Please review the current definition of [up to date](#): Key Terms and Up to Date Vaccination.

3. * Cumulative number of residents in Question #1 with other conditions:	
3.1 * Medical contraindication to COVID-19 vaccine	10
3.2 * Offered but declined COVID-19 vaccine	10
3.3 * Unknown/Other COVID-19 vaccination status	0

Adverse Events following COVID-19 Vaccine(s)

Clinically significant adverse events should be reported to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) at <https://vaers.hhs.gov/reportevent.html>. To help identify reports from NHSN sites, please enter your NHSN orgID in Box 26 of the VAERS form.

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# Influenza and RSV Vaccine Form

- Flu/RSV Total Residents (Question 1) is auto-populated from COVID-19 Residents tab
- 4 data fields for Flu/RSV vaccinations
  - Number of up to date
  - Number of medical contraindications
  - Number offered but declined
  - Number other/unknown
- The 4 data fields need to add up to the number reported in Total Residents (Question1)

Edit Vaccine Data

COVID-19 Vaccine: HCP   COVID-19 Vaccine: Residents   **Influenza/RSV: Residents (Optional)** New Optional Tab

Resident Flu/RSV Cumulative Vaccination Summary for Long-Term Care Facilities

Date Created: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Facility ID: \_\_\_\_\_ \* Vaccination type: Respiratory   Facility CCN #: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Week of Data Collection: 10/09/2023 - 10/15/2023   \* Date Last Modified: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative Vaccination Coverage

Optional Reporting: These data are NOT required.

Total Residents	1. *Number of residents staying in this facility for at least 1 day during the week of data collection	100
	2. *Number of residents in question #1 who are up to date with Influenza vaccination for current season	90
Influenza Vaccination	Among those not in Question #2, reason not up to date:	
	2.1 *Medical contraindication to influenza vaccine	2
	2.2 *Offered but declined influenza vaccine	8
RSV Vaccination	2.3 *Other/unknown influenza vaccination status	0
	3. *Number of residents in question #1 who are up to date with RSV vaccination	
	Among those not in Question #3, reason not up to date:	
	3.1 *Medical contraindication to RSV vaccine	
	3.2 *Offered but declined RSV vaccine	
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# Reporting Influenza and RSV Vaccinations

- You can report:
  - Both Flu and RSV vaccination questions
  - Only Flu vaccination (questions 2-2.3)
  - Only RSV vaccination (questions 3-3.3)
  - Neither
- If you report in any data field for either vaccine. You must complete all vaccination questions for the associated vaccine.
- Users choose how often to report
  - Ideally in same weekly reporting cadence as COVID-19 Vaccine

Edit Vaccine Data

COVID-19 Vaccine: HCP COVID-19 Vaccine: Residents **Influenza/RSV: Residents (Optional)**

New Optional Tab

Resident Flu/RSV Cumulative Vaccination Summary for Long-Term Care Facilities

Date Created: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Facility ID: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Vaccination type: Respiratory Facility CCN #: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Week of Data Collection: 10/09/2023 - 10/15/2023 \*Date Last Modified: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative Vaccination Coverage

Optional Reporting: These data are NOT required.

Total Residents	1. * Number of residents staying in this facility for at least 1 day during the week of data collection	100
	2. * Number of residents in question #1 who are up to date with Influenza vaccination for current season	90
Influenza Vaccination	Among those not in Question #2, reason not up to date:	
	2.1 * Medical contraindication to influenza vaccine	2
	2.2 * Offered but declined influenza vaccine	8
	2.3 * Other/unknown influenza vaccination status	0
RSV Vaccination	3. * Number of residents in question #1 who are up to date with RSV vaccination	
	Among those not in Question #3, reason not up to date:	
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# Note About Modifying Previously Entered Data

- An alert will appear if you modify the question 1 total on the COVID vaccine form for a previously saved week
- We changed a previous week from 100 residents to 80 residents
- Click OK, and then navigate to the influenza/RSV tab.

The screenshot shows a web application interface for reporting COVID-19 vaccine data. The main window is titled "Resident COVID-19 Cumulative Vaccination Summary for Long-Term Care Facilities". It includes fields for "Date Created" (10/03/2023 3:50PM), "Facility ID", "Week of Data Collection" (10/02/2023 - 10/08/2023), and "Date Last Modified" (10/03/2023 3:50PM). A note states: "Facilities submit Weekly COVID-19 Vaccination Cumulative Summary data by completing the go to date: Key Terms and Up to Date Vaccination." Below this, there are several sections for reporting data, including "Number of residents staying in this facility for at least 1 day during the week of data collection" (80), "Cumulative number of residents in Question #1 who are up to date with COVID-19 vaccines" (80), and "Cumulative number of residents in Question #1 with other conditions" (0, 0, 0). An alert dialog box is overlaid on the form, with a red border and a blue header that says "Alert". The alert text reads: "You have modified an existing value for number of residents, this also impacts the Influenza/RSV vaccination form. Please review and resubmit the Influenza/RSV form." The dialog has "OK" and "Cancel" buttons. A yellow callout box points to the "Influenza/RSV: Residents (Optional)" tab, with the text: "If you change data from a previously entered week for COVID-19 residents".



# Review the Influenza/RSV Tab After Data Change

- Review that week's Flu and RSV data after changing COVID-19 total residents
- On the Flu and RSV tab totals do not add to 80
- Their totals will need to be changed in order to match the new total in Question 1

COVID-19 Vaccine: HCP COVID-19 Vaccine: Residents Influenza/RSV: Residents (Optional)

Resident Flu/RSV Cumulative Vaccination Summary for Long-Term Care Facilities

Date Created: Oct 3 2023 3:51PM  
Facility ID: [REDACTED] Vaccination type: Respiratory Facility CCN #: [REDACTED]  
Week of Data Collection: 10/02/2023 - 10/08/2023 Date Last Modified: Oct 3 2023 3:51PM

Cumulative Vaccination Coverage  
Optional Reporting: These data are NOT required.

Total Residents	1. *Number of residents staying in this facility for at least 1 day during the week of data collection	80
Influenza Vaccination	2. *Number of residents in question #1 who are up to date with Influenza vaccination for current season	195
	Among those not in Question #2, reason not up to date:	
	2.1 *Medical contraindication to influenza vaccine	0
	2.2 *Offered but declined Influenza vaccine	5
	2.3 *Other/unknown influenza vaccination status	0
RSV Vaccination	3. *Number of residents in question #1 who are up to date with RSV vaccination	20
	Among those not in Question #3, reason not up to date:	
	3.1 *Medical contraindication to RSV vaccine	5
	3.2 *Offered but declined RSV vaccine	60
	3.3 *Other/unknown RSV vaccination status	15

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By saving these data in NHCN, facilities are agreeing to the following:  
1) The data reported are consistent with definitions outlined in NHCN surveillance protocols (including tables of instructions and frequently asked questions).

Save Cancel

# Weekly Vaccination Calendar

- Verify data submission on the Weekly Vaccination Calendar
- After saving data, it will be highlighted green
- Tan means data has not been submitted

**Vaccination Summary Data**

Click a cell to begin entering data for the week which counts are reported.  
Reporting of medical events or health problems that occur after vaccination (possible side effects) is encouraged, even if yo

◀ 📅 ▶ 25 September 2023 - 05 November 2023 Record Complete Record Incomplete

**Weekly Vaccination Calendar**

09/25/2023 (Monday) - 10/01/2023 (Sunday)

- 📍 COVID-19: HCP
- 📍 COVID-19: Residents
- 📍 FLU/RSV: Residents

10/02/2023 (Monday) - 10/08/2023 (Sunday)

- 📍 COVID-19: HCP
- 📍 COVID-19: Residents
- 📍 FLU/RSV: Residents

# Printable Form for Influenza and RSV

- Download the physical form from the "COVID19/Respiratory Vaccination" webpage
- Located under "Data Collection Forms and Instructions"

[LTCF | COVID-19/Respiratory Pathogens Vaccination | NHSN | CDC](#)

**Data Collection Forms and Instructions**

COVID-19 Vaccination Data Collections Forms

Note: All data collection forms are print-only.

[Weekly COVID-19 Vaccination Summary Form for Residents at LTCF](#)

[Table of Instructions](#) [PDF - 327 KB] - June 2023

[Weekly COVID-19 Vaccination Summary Form for Healthcare Personnel](#)

[Table of Instructions](#) [PDF - 349 KB] - June 2023

**Influenza/RSV Vaccination Data Collection Form**

Weekly RSV/Influenza Vaccination Cumulative Summary for Residents of Long-Term Care Facilities (I)		
1 page *required for saving		
Facility ID#:		
Week of data collection (Monday – Sunday): _/_/_ - _/_/_		Date Last Modified: _/_/_
<b>Cumulative Vaccination Coverage</b>		
<small>Note: Facilities submit vaccination data by completing the questions on this form. Facilities also have the option to use the Person-Level Vaccination Forms to enter individual vaccination information and select the "view reporting summary and submit" to submit these data. Using Person-Level Vaccination Forms is recommended to ensure that individuals are categorized appropriately according to their vaccination dates. Learn more here: (<a href="https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/lcf/weekly-covid-vac/index.html#anchor_21686">https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/lcf/weekly-covid-vac/index.html#anchor_21686</a>)</small>		
<b>Total Residents</b>	1. *Number of residents staying in this facility for at least 1 day during the week of data collection	
<b>Influenza Vaccination</b>	2. Number of residents in question #1 who are up to date with Influenza vaccination for current influenza season	
	Among those not in Question #2, reason not up to date:	
	2.1. Medical contraindication to influenza vaccine	
	2.2. Offered but declined influenza vaccine	
	2.3. Other/unknown influenza vaccination status	
<b>RSV Vaccination</b>	3. Number of residents in question #1 who are up to date with RSV vaccination	
	Among those not in Question #3, reason not up to date:	
	3.1. Medical contraindication to RSV vaccine	
	3.2. Offered but declined RSV vaccine	
	3.3. Other/unknown RSV vaccination status	
<b>Adverse Events following Vaccine(s)</b>		
Clinically significant adverse events should be reported to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) at <a href="https://vaers.hhs.gov/reportevent.html">https://vaers.hhs.gov/reportevent.html</a> . To help identify reports from NHSN sites, please enter your NHSN orgID in Box 26 of the VAERS form.		
Clinically significant adverse events include vaccine administration errors and serious adverse events (such as death, life-threatening conditions, or inpatient hospitalization) that occur after vaccination, even if it is not certain that vaccination caused the event.		
Other clinically significant adverse events may be described in the Vaccine Information Statements (VIS) or prescribing information for the vaccine(s). Healthcare providers should comply with VAERS reporting requirements described in VISs or prescribing information.		
Assurance of Confidentiality: The voluntarily provided information obtained in this surveillance system that would permit identification of any individual or institution is collected with a guarantee that it will be held in strict confidence, will be used only for the purposes stated, and will not otherwise be disclosed or released without the consent of the individual, or the institution in accordance with Sections 304, 306 and 308(d) of the Public Health Service Act (42 USC 242b, 242k, and 242m(d)).		

# Any NHSN-Related Questions or Need Help?

## Use ServiceNow

### NHSN-ServiceNow is LIVE

Please submit NHSN questions in ServiceNow instead of using [nhsn@cdc.gov](mailto:nhsn@cdc.gov), [nhsntrain@cdc.gov](mailto:nhsntrain@cdc.gov), and [nhsndua@cdc.gov](mailto:nhsndua@cdc.gov). ServiceNow can be accessed through your SAMS account at <https://sams.cdc.gov/>.

Tickets requiring CDA support and AUR test files should continue to be emailed to [nhsnCDA@cdc.gov](mailto:nhsnCDA@cdc.gov) until further notice. If you are unable to access ServiceNow, you can still email the NHSN Help Desk at [nhsn@cdc.gov](mailto:nhsn@cdc.gov).

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# Alliant Health Solutions and NHSN Updates

# In Case You Missed It

Last month's July Shop Talk:

Updates/Upcoming NHSN trainings, HCP Vaccination Flu Summary Reporting, and NHSN Optional Reporting of Influenza and RSV Vaccination for LTC Residents

- [Slides](#)
- [Webinar Recording](#)





# Reporting Deadline Reminder for CMS Quality Reporting Programs

The following data must be entered into NHSN by **August 15, 2024**, for facilities that participate in certain CMS quality reporting programs:

## Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) that participate in the Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Program -

- 2024 Quarter 1 (January 1-March 31) Weekly Health Care Personnel COVID-19 Vaccination Summary data

# 2024 NHSN Annual Training

Training topics include surveillance definitions and analysis for:

- COVID-19 Surveillance
- Respiratory Pathogen Reporting
- Resident, Patient, and Health Care Personnel Vaccination
- Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAIs)
- Dialysis Event Surveillance
- Standardized Infection Ratio (SIR) Reporting



**Welcome to the 2024 Virtual Post-Acute Care Training**  
Tuesday, July 23 – Thursday, July 25

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 Long-term Care

 Dialysis

 Vaccination



# Long-Term Care Facility Component

- [Person Level Reporting for Long-term Care.pdf](#)
- [What is the Scoop All Things Data for the NHSN LTCF Component.pdf](#)
- [Current Hot Topics with Infection Prevention and Control in Long-term Care.pdf](#)
- [Quick Learn Demonstration Reporting Healthcare Personnel Safety COVID-19 Vaccination Data.pdf](#)
- [NHSN LTCF Component – Past, Present, and Future.pdf](#)
- [QIN-QIO Assistance with NHSN Reporting.pdf](#)

# Alliant Health Solutions Website

The screenshot displays the Alliant Health Solutions website interface. At the top left is the Alliant Health Solutions logo, and to its right is the NQIIC logo (Network of Quality Improvement and Innovation Contractors, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Quality Improvement & Innovation Group). Navigation links for 'Programs', 'Events', and 'Resources' are positioned in the top right. A search bar with the placeholder text 'What can we help you find?' and a 'Search' button is located below the navigation. The main content area features a 'POPULAR TOPICS' section with the heading 'Explore trending topics'. A large blue arrow points down to the 'Shop Talks' button in a grid of topic buttons. The grid includes buttons for ESRD 8, ESRD 14, Virtual Education Events, BOOST, Shop Talks, HQIC, Patients and Families, Opioid Utilization and Misuse, NCRN, Infection Control, Nursing Homes, GDPH, Immunizations, and Chronic Disease Self-Management.

# Alliant Health Solutions Website

What can we help you find?

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## 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.

- Shop Talk Short Influenza Vaccination Reporting 11 16 22**  
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- 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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- ST Short: My administrator added me as a user to our facility's NHSN account, but I can't login.**  
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<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLXWmxni-xNHspWHhLlIrrqcLGzXZPIjIF>

# New Shop Talk Shorts

[Shop Talk Short: How to setup mobile soft token](#)

[Shop Talk Short: How to reinstall Entrust soft token on a new device](#)





# NHSN E-Newsletters

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# New Training Resources for NHSN Administrators

## New Training Resources for NHSN Administrators

Dear NHSN Administrators,

We are delighted to announce the launch of our latest training resources tailored specifically for you. Our comprehensive set of training videos has been meticulously designed to guide you through various administrator tasks, step-by-step.

To ensure easy access, we have provided the link to the NHSN Administrators Training webpage below:

[Link: NHSN Administrators Training] [NHSN Administrator Training | NHSN \(cdc.gov\)](https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/administrator-training/)

These training videos cover essential topics such as:

- Adding a User to a Facility
- Enrolling a Facility in NHSN
- Deactivating and Activating a User in a Facility
- Reassigning the Facility Administrator in a Facility
- Adding a Component to a Facility

We encourage you to bookmark this page for future reference and share it with your team to facilitate seamless learning and skill development.

Stay tuned! In the near future, you will also be able to access these videos directly within the NHSN application on the left navigation bar on the Cheat Sheet tab.

Thank you for your dedication to ensuring the efficiency and success of our NHSN community.

Best regards,

NHSN Team

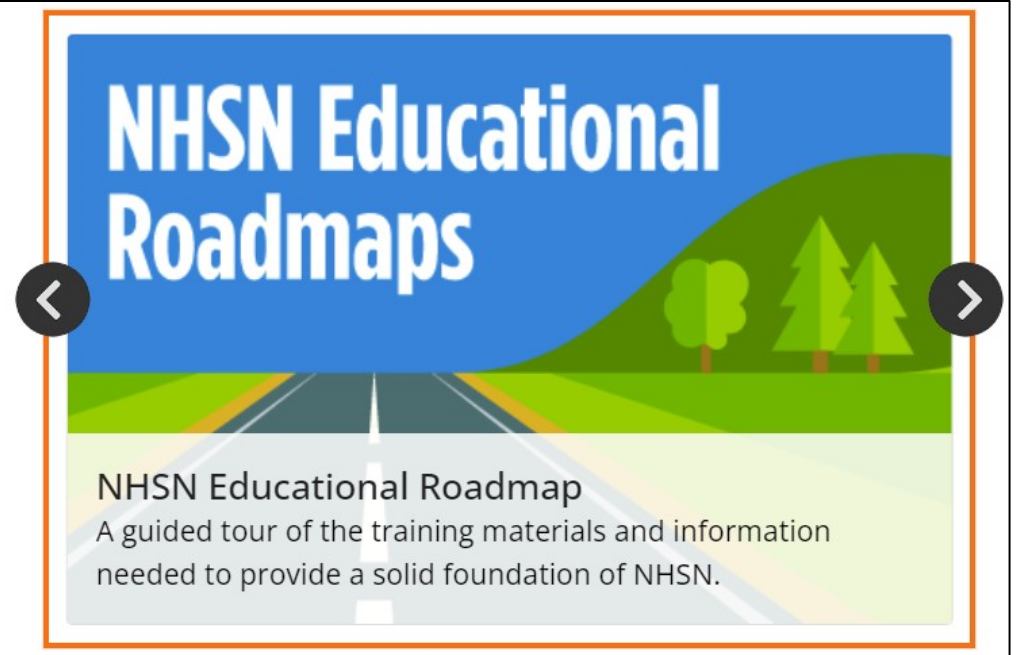
<https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/training/administrator-training/nhsn-admin-training.html>

# NHSN Training

Our mission is to offer learning opportunities in a variety of formats that enhance the knowledge and skills of NHSN facility- and group-level participants and their partners in order that they may effectively use the data obtained from the surveillance system to improve patient and healthcare personnel safety.

## Objectives

- Convey NHSN data collection methods, submission requirements, and analysis options to participants so that they may acquire, submit, and disseminate high quality, actionable data.
- Prepare participants to use the NHSN reporting application accurately and efficiently.
- Enhance participants' and their partners' understanding of data quality and the value of adverse event monitoring.
- Encourage collaboration among participants and partners to improve the patient and healthcare personnel safety across the spectrum of care.







# Long-Term Care Facility Component Roadmap

## Phase II: Modules/Protocols

### Healthcare-associated Infections: Surveillance for Urinary Tract Infections

 [Surveillance for UTI Module: Part I \[Video – 24 min\]](#)  
[Slideset](#)  [PDF – 1.1 MB]

 [Surveillance for UTI Module: Part II \[Video – 31 min\]](#)  
[Slideset](#)  [PDF – 3.4 MB]

 [UTI Protocol](#)  [PDF – 533 KB]

### Laboratory-identified Event (LabID Event): Surveillance for CDI and MDROs in LTCF

 [Surveillance for CDI in LTCFs: LabID Event Modules \[Video – 30 min\]](#)  
[Slideset](#)  [PDF – 1.1 MB]

 [Surveillance for MDROs in LTCFs: LabID Event Modules \[Video – 24 min\]](#)  
[Slideset](#)  [PDF – 1.1 MB]

 [LabID Event Protocol](#)  [PDF – 308 KB]

### Prevention Process Measures: Hand Hygiene, Gloves and Gown Adherence

 [LTCF Prevention Process Measures Module \[Video – 27 min\]](#)  
[Slideset](#)  [PDF – 2 MB]

 [PPM Protocol](#)  [PDF – 308 KB]

## Phase III: Analysis

### Introduction to Analysis

 [Data for Action: How can NHSN data be used to guide prevention efforts in LTCF? – March 2017 \[Video – 43 min\]](#)  
[Slideset](#)  [PDF – 4 MB]

## NHSN Educational Roadmaps

### LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY COMPONENT TRAINING

Welcome to the Long-term Care Facility Component (LTC) Educational Roadmap. This roadmap has three (3) sections, LTC Foundation, Modules/Protocols and Analysis. For the best learning experience, start with the Long-term Care Foundation section and work your way down the list and complete each item. After you complete this section, select the LTC Modules/Protocols Training that best meets your practice needs followed by Analysis.

## Phase I: Long-Term Care Foundation

### Part I: NHSN Getting to Know NHSN and the Long-term Care Facility Component

 [Infection Surveillance and Prevention in Long-term Care: A National Perspective \[Video – 29 min\]](#)  
[Slideset](#)  [PDF – 3 MB]

 [Overview of Using NHSN to Track and Report Infections in LTCF \[Video – 51 min\]](#)  
[Slideset](#)  [PDF – 5 MB]

<https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/training/roadmap/ltc-roadmap.html>

**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



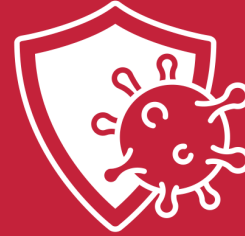
## CHRONIC DISEASE SELF-MANAGEMENT

- 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

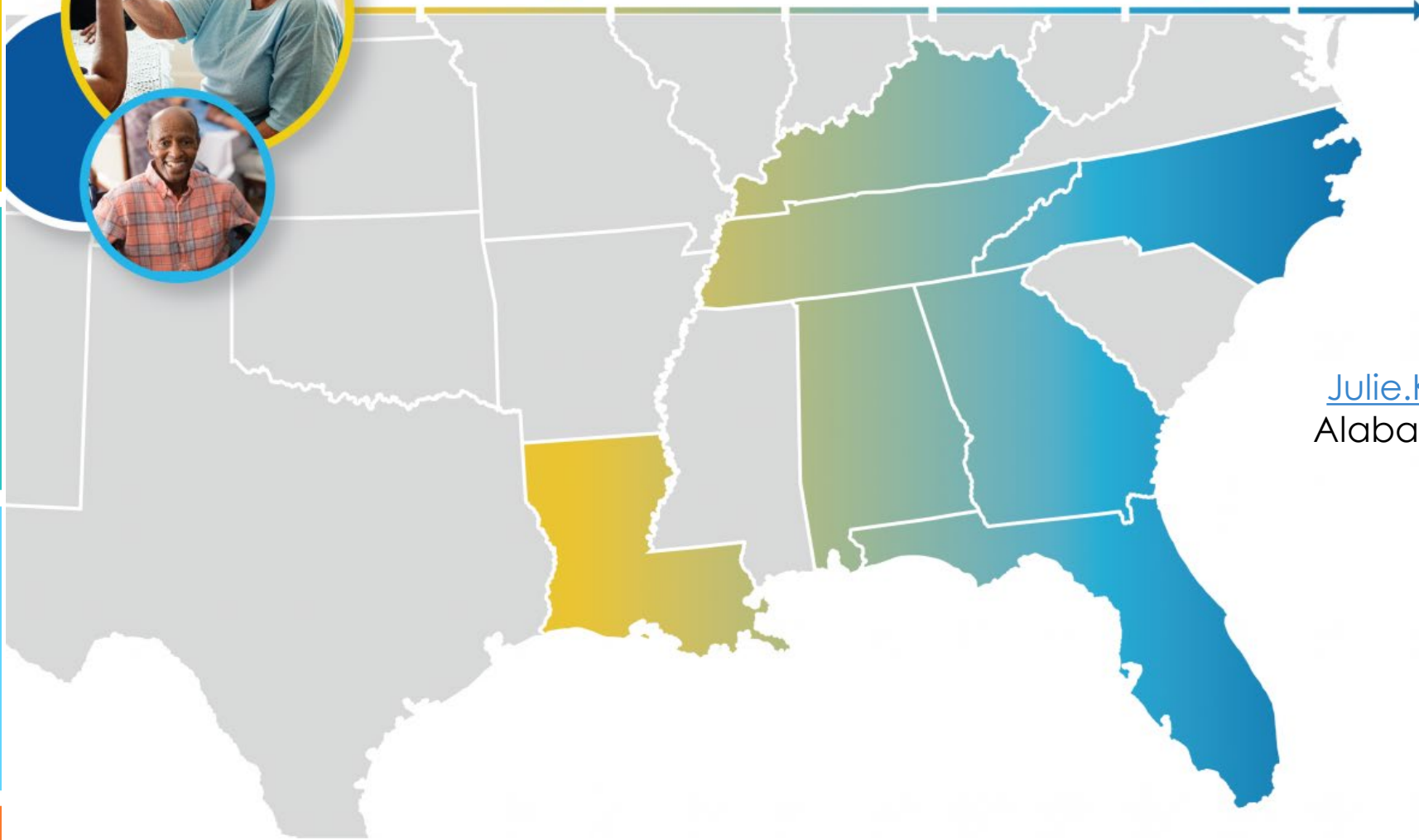
- Increase influenza, pneumococcal, and COVID-19 vaccination rates



## TRAINING

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

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