COVID-19 Updates, Influenza Vaccination Reporting, NHSN Updates, LTCF Annual Survey and Live Q&A

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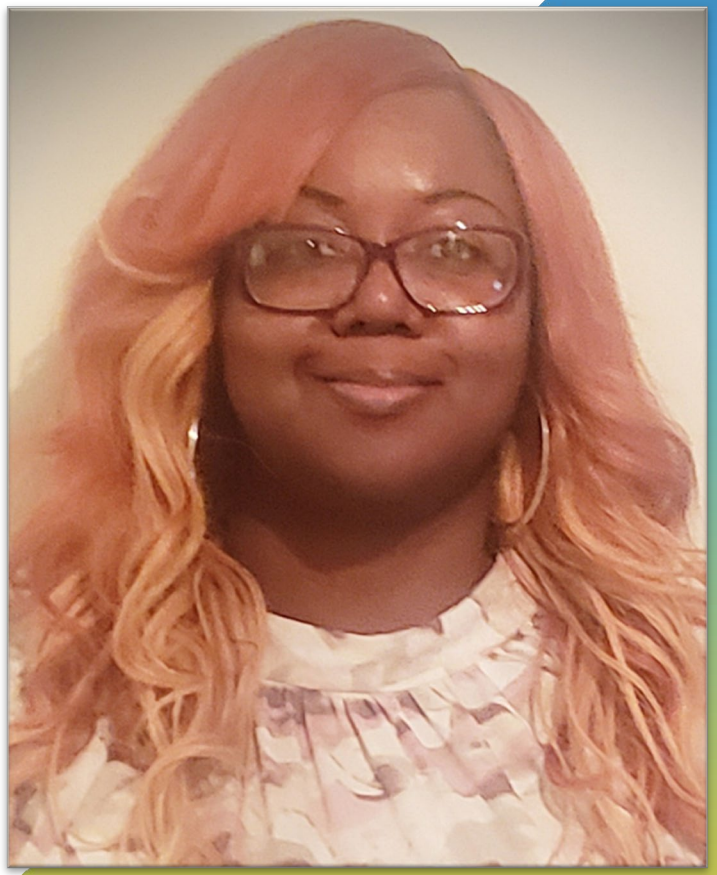

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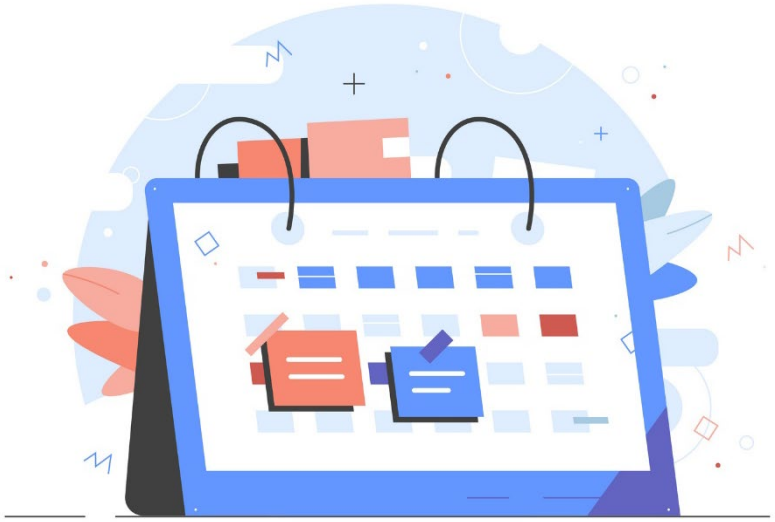
Agenda



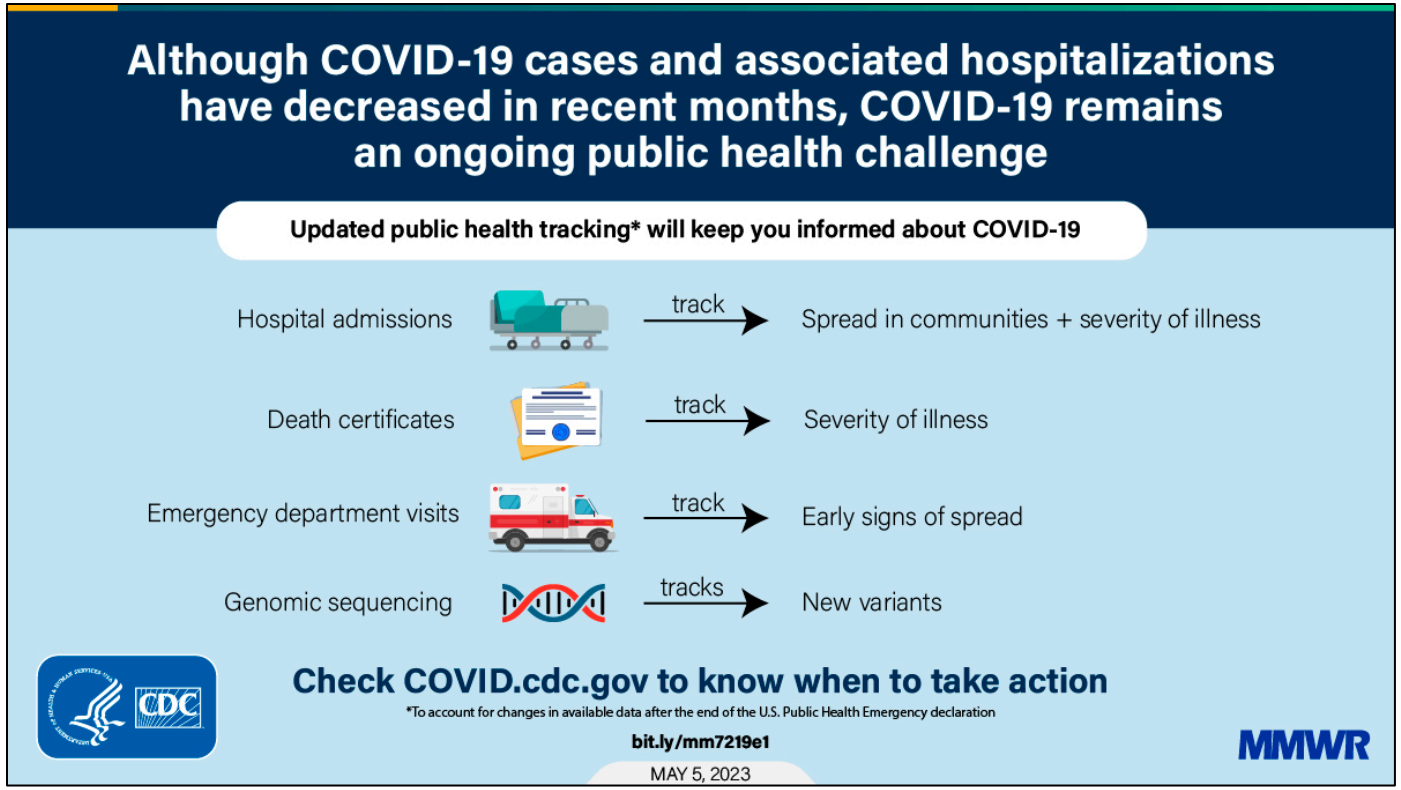
- COVID-19 Updates
- NHSN Q1 Updates
- NHSN Influenza Reporting
- LTCF Annual Survey
- Alliant Health and NHSN Updates
- Live Questions and Answers

COVID-19 Updates

CDC COVID-19 Data Tracker

CDC COVID-19 data tracker:

- COVID-19 hospital admissions
- COVID-19 deaths
- COVID-19 ED visits
- COVID-19 test positivity
- COVID-19 variants, wastewater, and genomic surveillance



https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#datatracker-home

CDC COVID-19 Update for the United States

COVID-19 Update for the United States

Early Indicators

Test Positivity

% Test Positivity

6.3%

(January 21 to January 27, 2024)

Trend in % Test Positivity

-4.6% in most recent week

Dec 9, 2023 Jan 27, 2024

Emergency Department Visits

% Diagnosed as COVID-19

2.0%

(January 21 to January 27, 2024)

Trend in % Emergency Department Visits

-11% in most recent week

Dec 9, 2023 Jan 27, 2024

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

Severity Indicators

Hospitalizations

Hospital Admissions

22,636

(January 21 to January 27, 2024)

Trend in Hospital Admissions

-10.9% in most recent week

Dec 9, 2023 Jan 27, 2024

Total Hospitalizations

6,771,932

Deaths

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

3.6%

(January 21 to January 27, 2024)

Trend in % COVID-19 Deaths

No change in most recent week

Dec 9, 2023 Jan 27, 2024

Total Deaths

1,174,626

CDC | Test Positivity data through: January 27, 2024; Emergency Department Visit data through: January 27, 2024; Hospitalization data through: January 27, 2024; Death data through: January 27, 2024.
Posted: February 5, 2024 4:00 PM ET

CDC COVID Data Tracker: Home

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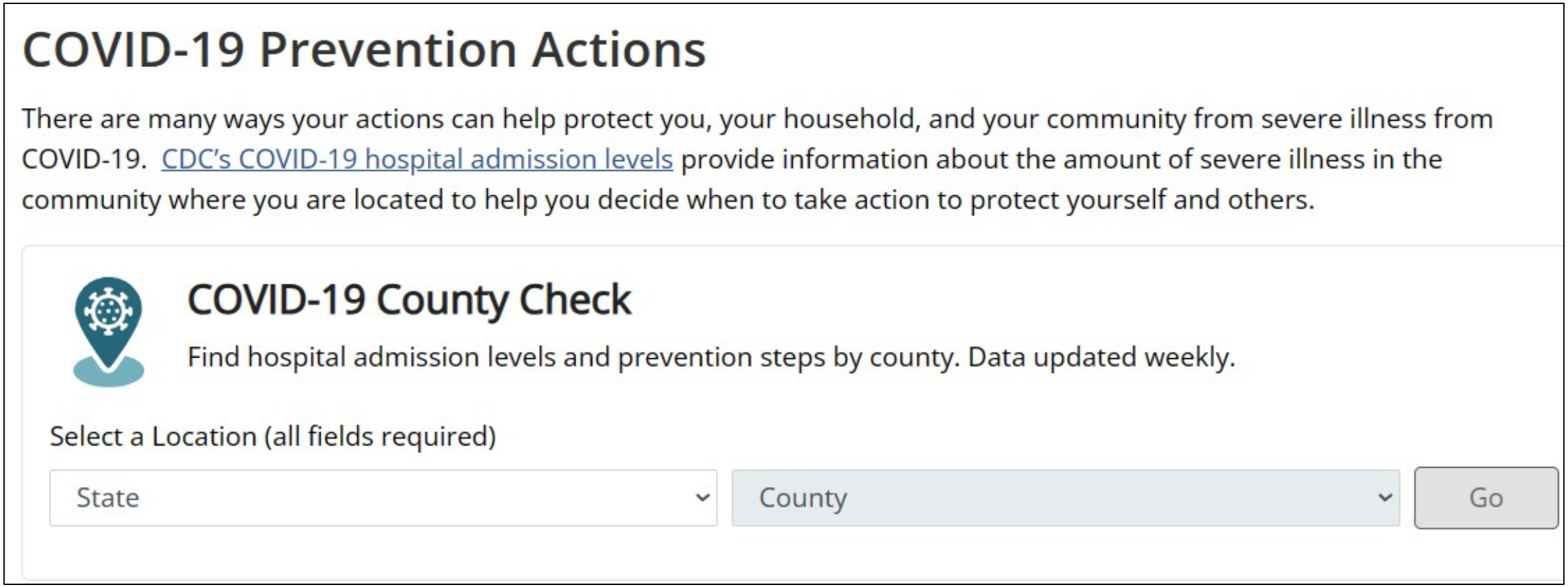
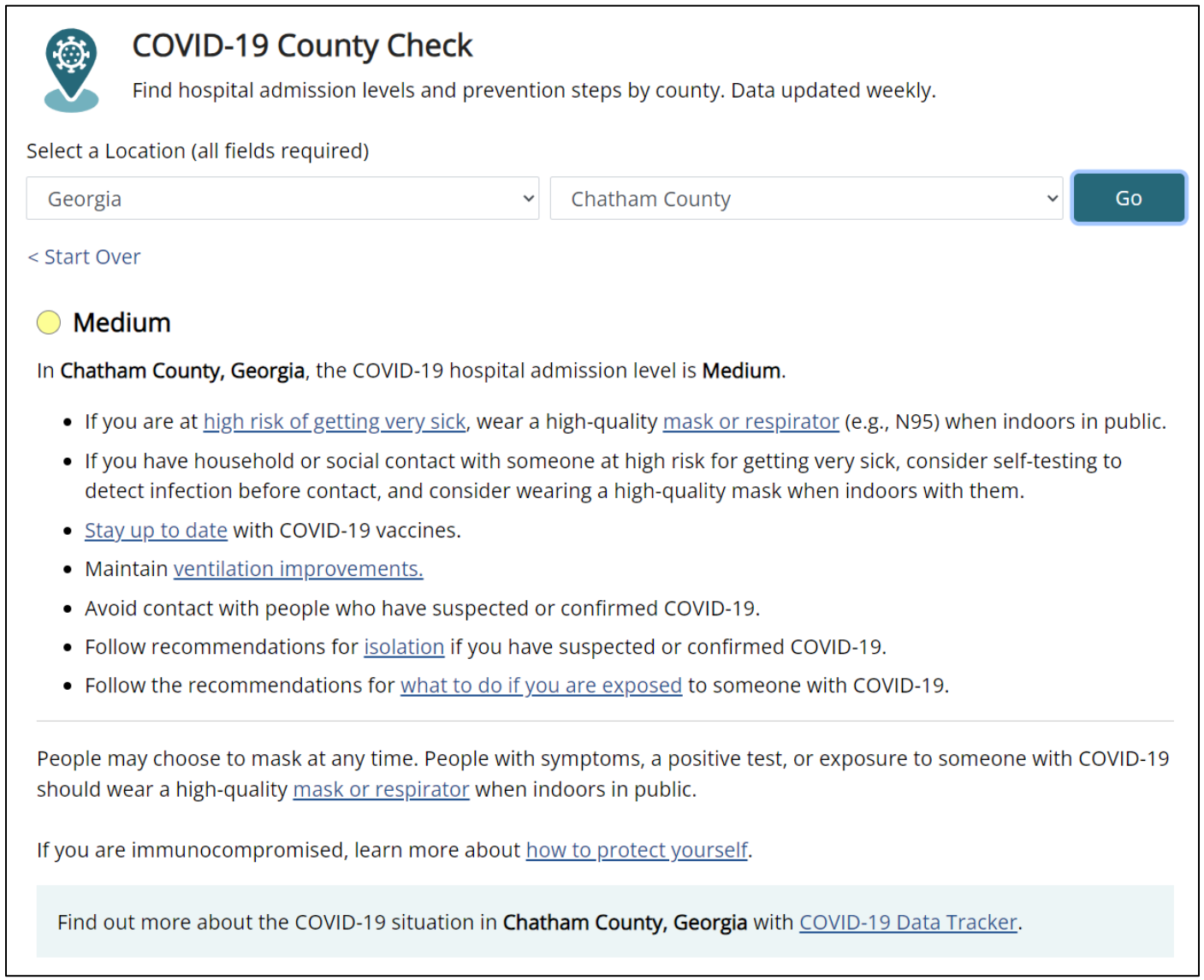
COVID-19 County Check



How to Protect Yourself and Others | CDC

COVID-19 County Check



January 27, 2024

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Individual-Level Prevention Strategies

LOW, MEDIUM, AND HIGH

At all COVID-19 hospital admission levels:

- Stay up to date on vaccination.
- Maintain ventilation improvements.
- Avoid contact with people who have suspected or confirmed COVID-19.
- Follow recommendations for isolation if you have suspected or confirmed COVID-19.
- Follow the recommendations for what to do if you are exposed to someone with COVID-19.
- If you are at high risk of getting very sick, talk with a healthcare provider about additional prevention actions.

MEDIUM AND HIGH

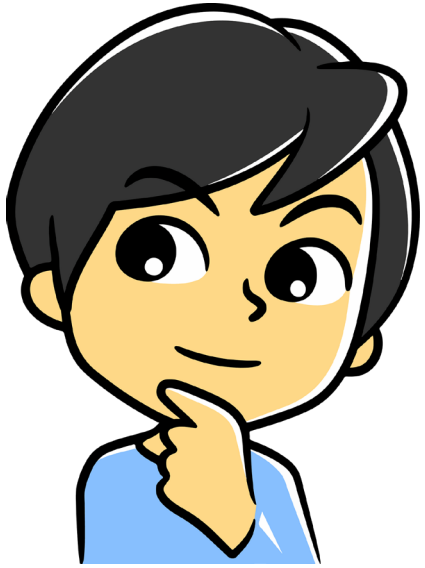
When the COVID-19 hospital admission level is Medium or High:

- If you are at high risk of getting very sick, wear a high-quality mask or respirator (e.g., N95) when indoors in public.
- If you have household or social contact with someone at high risk for getting very sick, consider self-testing to detect infection before contact, and consider wearing a high-quality mask when indoors with them.

HIGH

When the COVID-19 hospital admission level is High:

- Wear a high-quality mask or respirator.
- If you are at high risk of getting very sick, consider avoiding non-essential indoor activities in public where you could be exposed.



https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html

Community-Level Prevention Strategies

Community-Level Prevention Strategies

LOW, MEDIUM, AND HIGH

At all COVID-19 hospital admission levels:

- Promote equitable access to vaccination, testing, masks and respirators, treatment and prevention medications, community outreach, and support services.
- Ensure access to testing, including through point-of-care and at-home tests for all people.
- Maintain ventilation improvements.
- Provide communications and messaging to encourage isolation among people who test positive.

MEDIUM AND HIGH

When the COVID-19 hospital admission level is Medium or High:

- Implement screening testing in high-risk settings where screening testing is recommended.

HIGH

When the COVID-19 hospital admission level is High:

- Implement healthcare surge support as needed.

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html

Stay Up-to-Date With COVID-19 Vaccines

Recommendations for Everyone Aged 5 Years and Older

Everyone aged 5 years and older ǂ should get **1 dose of an updated COVID-19 vaccine** to protect against serious illness from COVID-19. None of the updated 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccines is preferred over another.

Children aged 5 years – 11 years who are not vaccinated or have gotten previous COVID-19 vaccine(s)

Children aged 5 years – 11 years who are unvaccinated or have previously gotten a COVID-19 vaccine before September 12, 2023, should **get 1 updated Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.**

People aged 12 years and older who are not vaccinated

People aged 12 years and older who are unvaccinated should get either:

- 1 **updated Pfizer-BioNTech** or **updated Moderna COVID-19** vaccine, OR
- 2 doses of **updated Novavax COVID-19 vaccine**.

Pfizer-BioNTech

1 Dose
Pfizer-BioNTech
UPDATED VACCINE

More details: Up to Date

Moderna

1 Dose
Moderna
UPDATED VACCINE

More details: Up to Date

Novavax

1 Dose
Novavax
UPDATED VACCINE

2nd Dose
Novavax
UPDATED VACCINE
8 weeks after 1st dose

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NHSN Reporting Period Q1 (January 1, 2024 – March 31, 2024)

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NHSN Reporting Period Q1

- From January 1, 2024–March 31, 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:

Received a 2023-2024 Updated COVID-19 Vaccine

CDC Up To Date Guidance

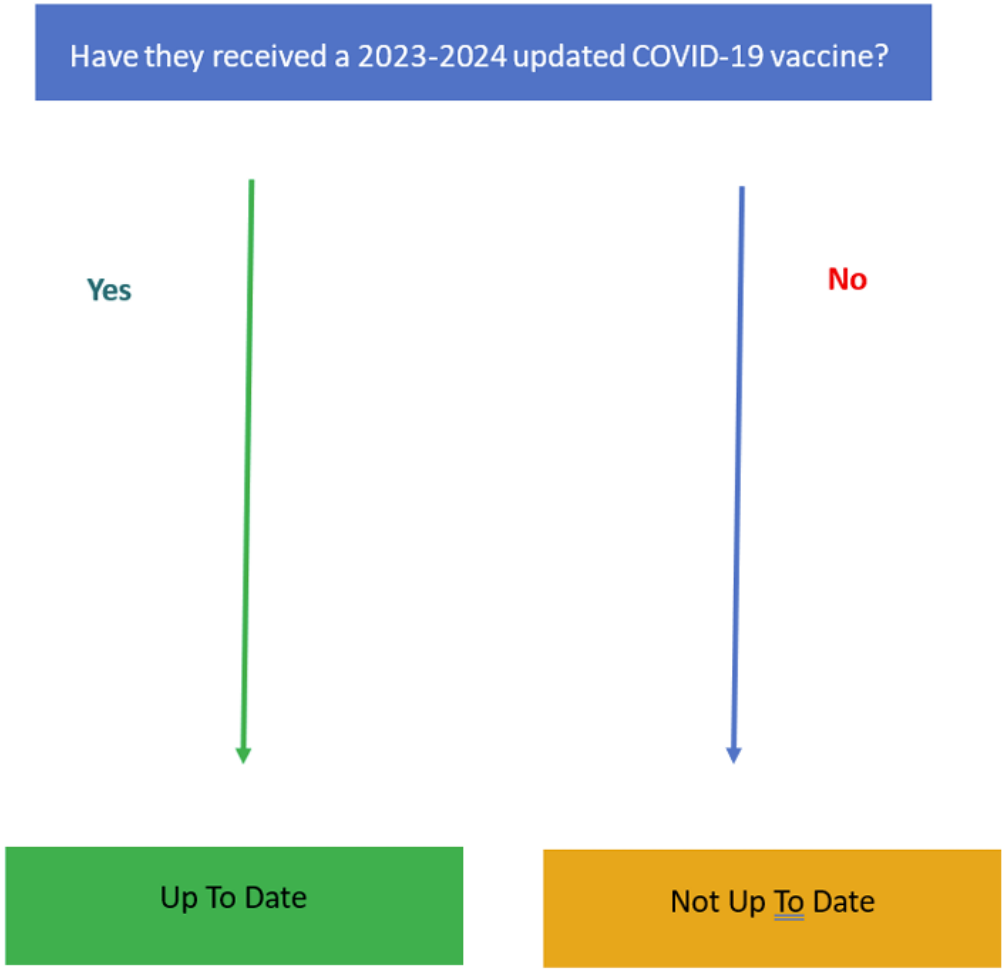
LTCF RIFC Pathway

- A resident with a newly positive SARS-CoV-2 viral test result **and** has received a 2023-2024 updated COVID-19 vaccine should be counted in the up-to-date category if the most recent dose was received 14 days or more before the specimen collection of the newly positive test result.
- In other words, for the RIFC Pathway, a resident with a newly positive SARS-CoV-2 test result is counted in the up-to-date category if they received the vaccines required to be up to date at least 14 days before the positive test.

CDC Up To Date Guidance

Up-To-Date With COVID-19 Vaccines for Q1

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 1 of 2024 (representing vaccination data for January 1, 2024 – March 31, 2024).



CDC Up To Date

Form Simplification (Q1 Reporting)

Simplified COVID-19 vaccination reporting form for health care personnel.

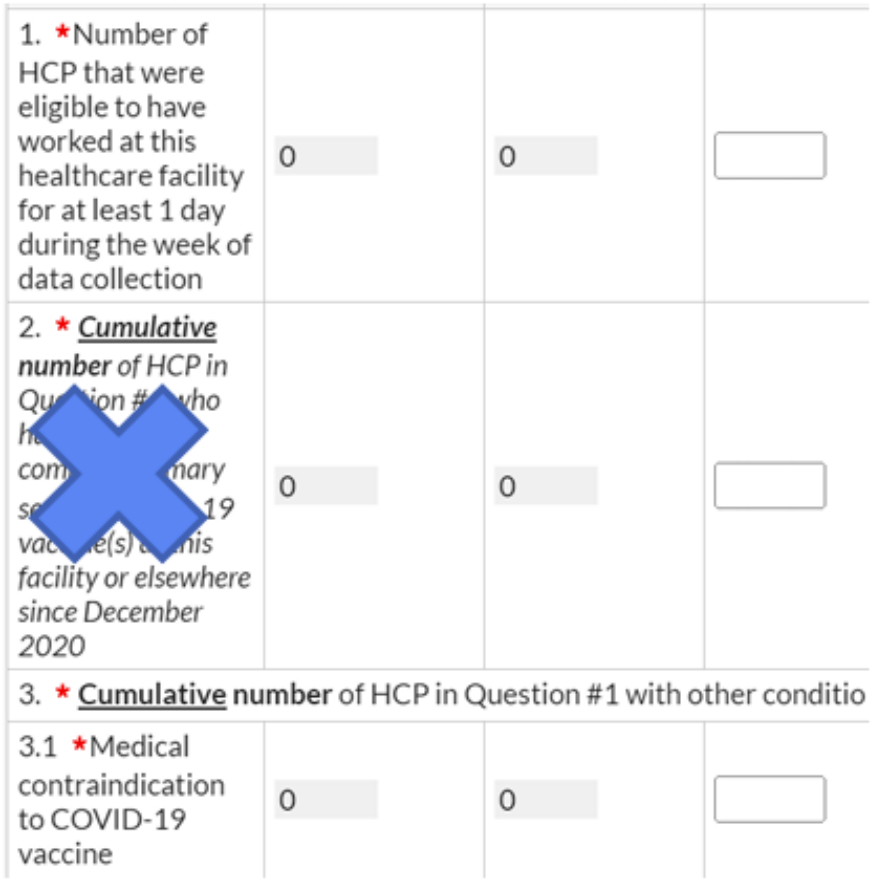
- Removed question on complete primary series.
- Reflects the latest guidance from CDC and FDA.
- Collects data most relevant to public health.
- Consistent with CMS Quality Reporting Program Measure reporting transition of measures from primary series to up-to-date.

Aligns with COVID-19 vaccination reporting form for residents.

- No changes to the reporting form for residents.

Previous Weekly COVID-19 Vaccination: HCP Form

- **Removing** question on cumulative number of HCP who have received complete **primary series** (**currently question #2**)



1. *Number of HCP that were eligible to have worked at this healthcare facility for at least 1 day during the week of data collection	0	0	
2. * ***Cumulative number*** *of HCP in Qu ion # who h com mary s 19 vac e(s) a his facility or elsewhere since December 2020*	0	0	
3. * **Cumulative number** of HCP in Question #1 with other conditio			
3.1 *Medical contraindication to COVID-19 vaccine	0	0	

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Revised Weekly COVID-19 Vaccination: HCP Form

- Question on **up to date** vaccination (previously question #4) is now moved to **question #2**
- Aligns with resident form

1. *Number of HCP that were eligible to have worked at this healthcare facility for at least 1 day during the week of data collection	0	0		
2. * Cumulative number of HCP in Question #1 who are **up to date** with COVID-19 vaccine(s). **Please review the current definition of up to date:** Key Terms and Up to Date Vaccination.	0	0		
3. * **Cumulative number** of HCP in Question #1 with other conditions:				
3.1 *Medical contraindication to COVID-19 vaccine	0	0		
3.2 *Offered but declined COVID-19 vaccine	0	0		
3.3 *Unknown/Other COVID-19 vaccination status	0	0		

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Revised Weekly COVID-19 Vaccination: HCP Form

Question #3

- Cumulative number of HCP in question #1 with other conditions now relates to HCP who are **not up-to-date** with COVID-19 vaccination

1. *Number of HCP that were eligible to have worked at this healthcare facility for at least 1 day during the week of data collection	0	0				
2. * Cumulative number of HCP in Question #1 who are **up to date** with COVID-19 vaccine(s). **Please review the current definition of up to date:** Key Terms and Up to Date Vaccination.	0	0				
3. * **Cumulative number** of HCP in Question #1 with other conditions:						
3.1 *Medical contraindication to COVID-19 vaccine	0	0				
3.2 *Offered but declined COVID-19 vaccine	0	0				
3.3 *Unknown/Other COVID-19 vaccination status	0	0				

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How to Answer Question #1

Number of HCPs that were eligible to have worked at the facility for at least one day during the week of data collection.

- Question #1
  - Enter the number of HCPs who were eligible to have worked at the facility for at least one day during the week of data collection.
  - The vaccination status for all HCPs reported in question #1 must be reported as either up to date with the COVID-19 vaccine (Question 2) or other conditions (Questions 3.1-3.3).
  - The sum of the numbers entered for questions 2 and 3.1-3.3 on the data collection form must equal the number entered for the question.

* If not, the NHSN application will not allow for data to be saved and will generate an error message.

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How to Answer Question #2

Cumulative number of HCPs in question #1 who are up to date with COVID-19 vaccine(s).

- Question #2
  - Enter the number of HCPs who are up-to-date with COVID-19 vaccination.
    - Many HCPs who previously had a completed primary series will not be counted as up-to-date.
    - Facilities should report zero (0) up-to-date for Question #2 until HCP receive the 2023-2024 updated COVID-19 vaccine.
    - Use the definition associated with the quarter the surveillance weeks fall within Understanding Key Terms and Up-to-date Vaccination .

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How to Answer Question #3

Cumulative number of HCPs in Question #1 with other conditions (those who are NOT up to date).

- **Question 3.1**: Medical contraindication to COVID-19 vaccine
- **Question 3.2**: Offered but declined COVID-19 vaccine
- **Question 3.3**: Unknown/other COVID-19 vaccination status

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How to Answer Question #3

Cumulative number of HCPs in Question #1 with other conditions

- Individuals who are **NOT** up-to-date with COVID-19 vaccination must be reported in Questions **3.1**, **3.2**, or **3.3**.
    - Individuals having a medical contraindication (that prevents them from receiving the vaccine that would make them up-to-date) are reported in **Question 3.1**.
    - Individuals who were offered but declined vaccination (declined vaccine that would make them up-to-date) are reported in **Question 3.2**.
    - All other individuals who are not reported in Question 2, 3.1, or 3.2 are reported in Question 3.3 (unknown/other COVID-19 vaccination status).

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How to Answer Question #3

Cumulative number of HCPs in Question #1 with other conditions.

- Examples of individuals who should be included in **Question 3.3 (unknown/other COVID-19 vaccination status):**
  - The facility could not determine an individual's vaccination status.
  - The individual received vaccination outside of the health care facility but did not provide written documentation of vaccination.

*** Reminder:** Individuals can self-report in writing (paper or electronic) that the vaccination was received elsewhere or provide documentation of receipt of the COVID-19 vaccine elsewhere. Documentation should include the date and location of vaccine receipt and vaccine type.

- The vaccine is not yet available in a particular location, so the individual has not yet declined or indicated that they would like to receive the vaccine.

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Weekly COVID-19 Vaccination: Example with Employees

Remember: The sum of the numbers entered for questions #2 (up to date) and #3.1-3.3 (reasons not up to date) must equal to the number entered for question #1.

Employees at facility = **100**

- Up to date with COVID-19
- vaccination = **75**
- Medical contraindication = **2**
- Declined vaccination = **10**
- Unknown/other vaccination status = **13**

75 + 2 + 10 + 13 = 100

	*All Core HCP[a]	*All HCP[b]	*Employees (staff on facility payroll)[c]	*Licensed independent practitioners: Physicians, advanced practice nurses, & physician assistants[d]
1. *Number of HCP that were eligible to have worked at this healthcare facility for at least 1 day during the week of data collection	240	280	100	80
2. * Cumulative number of HCP in Question #1 who are **up to date** with COVID-19 vaccine(s). **Please review the current definition of up to date:** Key Terms and Up to Date Vaccination.	165	180	75	55
3. * **Cumulative number** of HCP in Question #1 with other conditions:				
3.1 *Medical contraindication to COVID-19 vaccine	2	2	2	0
3.2 *Offered but declined COVID-19 vaccine	35	40	10	15
3.3 *Unknown/Other COVID-19 vaccination status	38	58	13	10

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CMS Reporting Requirements

Reminder: Facilities can contact CMS with questions about reporting requirements

- Weekly reporting requirement questions: DNH_TriageTeam@cms.hhs.gov
- Quality reporting program questions: SNFQualityQuestions@cms.hhs.gov

Reviewing Q1 Up-to-Date Definitions Polling Questions

Polling Question #1

Mary is a health care worker at Little Lamb Nursing Home. She reported a medical contraindication that prevented her from receiving the 2023-2024 updated COVID-19 vaccine.
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 #2

Jack is a health care worker at Beanstalk Health and Rehab. He received a dose of bivalent Pfizer on August 15, 2023. He is unsure if he will receive the 2023-2024 updated COVID-19 vaccine, and it hasn't been offered.
Is Jack considered up-to-date?

A. Yes
B. No
C. Not sure

Answer

B. No

Jack is NOT considered up-to-date.

Where to document?

Jack should be counted in **Question #3.3 (unknown/other COVID-19 vaccination status)** because he has not yet received a 2023-2024 updated COVID-19 vaccine, but he also hasn't declined it.

Polling Question #3

Elsa is a health care worker at Let It Go Nursing & Rehab Center. She has 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 received a 2023-2024 updated COVID-19 vaccine.

Polling Question #4

Charlie is a health care worker at Willy Wonka Nursing Home. He received a dose of the bivalent Moderna COVID-19 vaccine in September 2023 and has declined all COVID-19 vaccines since then.
Is Charlie considered up-to-date?

A. Yes
B. No
C. Not sure

Answer

B. No

Charlie is NOT considered up-to-date.

Where to document?
Charlie should be counted in **Question #3.2 (declined vaccine)** because he declined to receive a 2023-2024 updated COVID-19 vaccine.

HCP Influenza Vaccination Reporting

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HCP Influenza Vaccination Summary Reporting

The reporting period for the 2023-2024 influenza season is from October 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024. To meet CMS reporting requirements, HCP influenza vaccination summary data reports must be entered into NHSN no later than **May 15, 2024,** for the 2023-2024 influenza season. Facilities can edit their data after May 15, but the revised data will not be shared with CMS.

https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/faqs/vaccination/faq-influenza-vaccination-summary-reporting.html

HCP Influenza Vaccination Summary Reporting

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 monthly so the data can be used to inform influenza vaccination activities at the facility.

https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/faqs/vaccination/faq-influenza-vaccination-summary-reporting.html

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.

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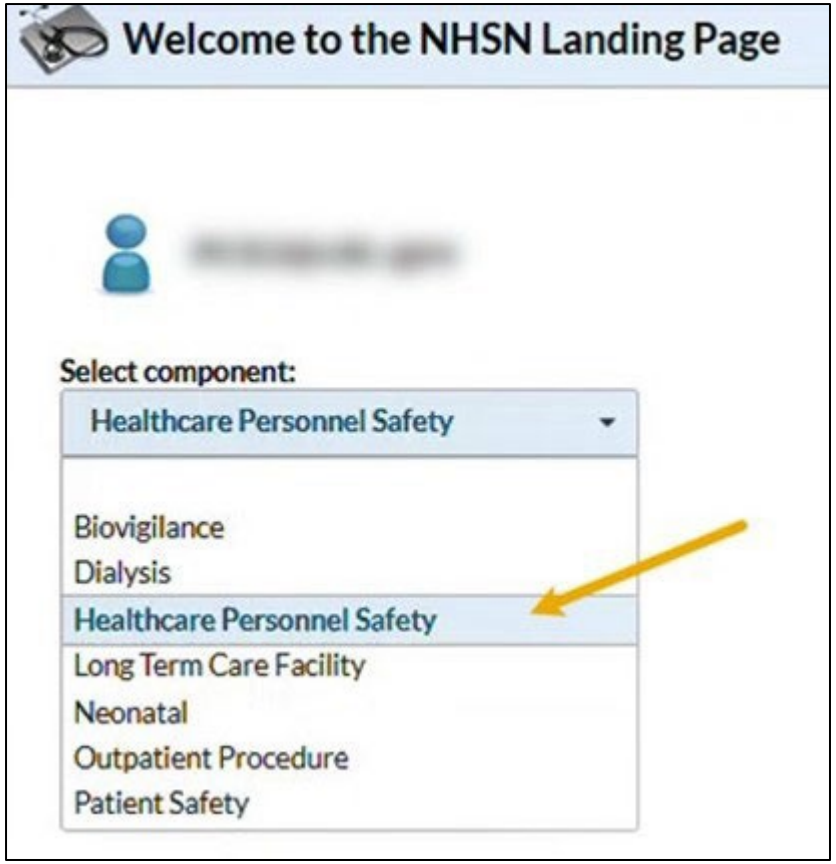
Activating the HCP Component

- Please note that your Facility Administrator (FA) must have SAMS Level 3 reporting access to activate the HPS component.
  - Only the NHSN FA can activate a new component.

- Please do NOT de-activate any other components, such as the LTC component

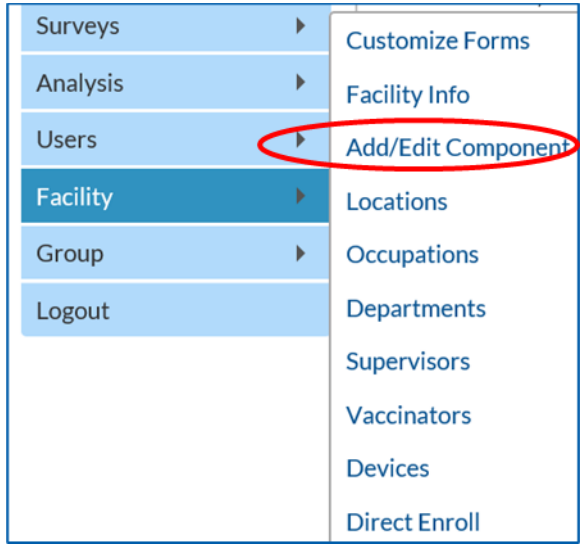


Activating the HCP Component

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

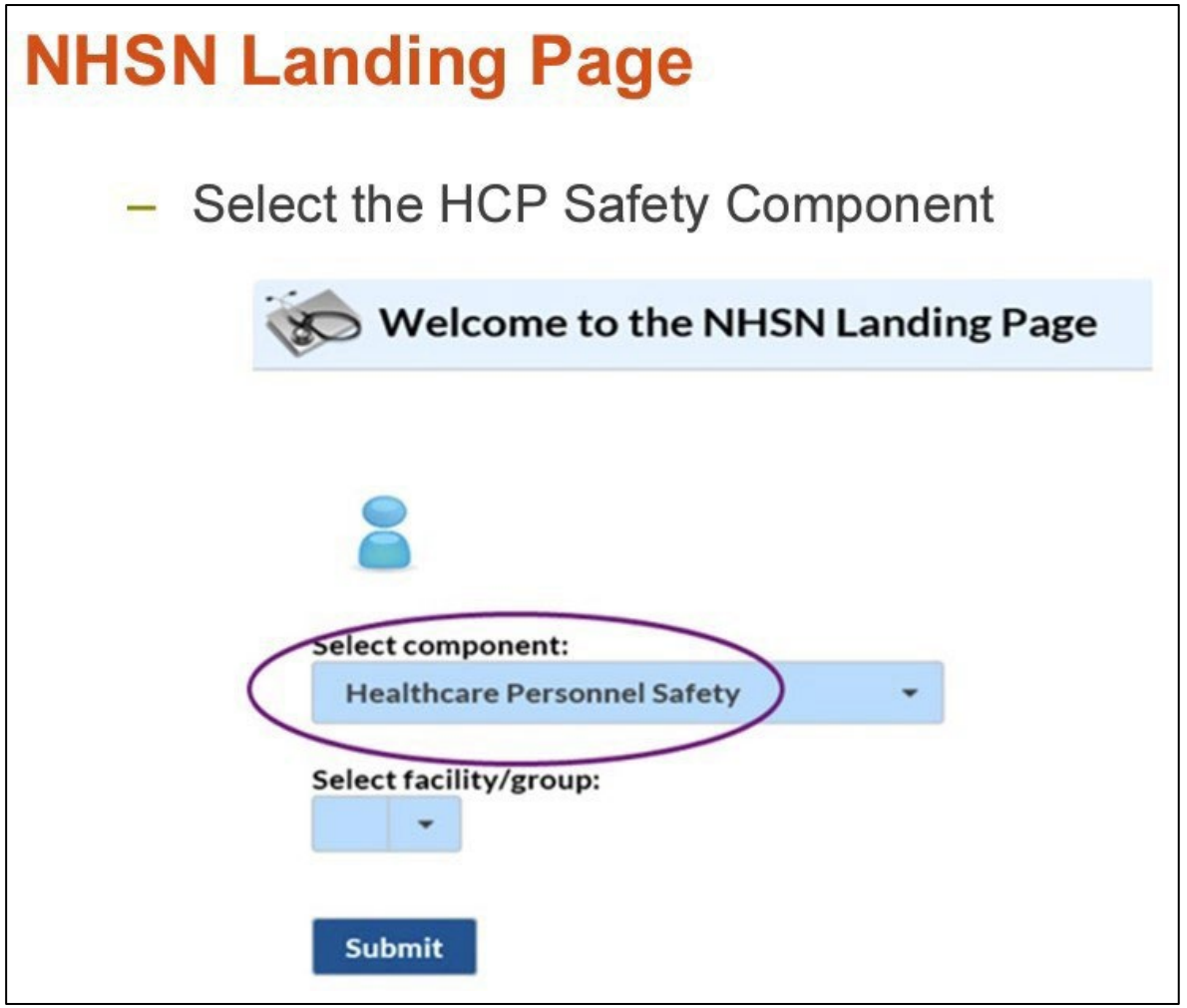


Activating the HCP Component

- 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

How To Report Annual HCP Influenza Vaccination Summary Data



https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/training/hcp/hcp-flu-vaccination-summary-reporting-general-training-508.pdf

How To Report Annual HCP Influenza Vaccination Summary Data

HCP Influenza Vaccination Summary Data

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

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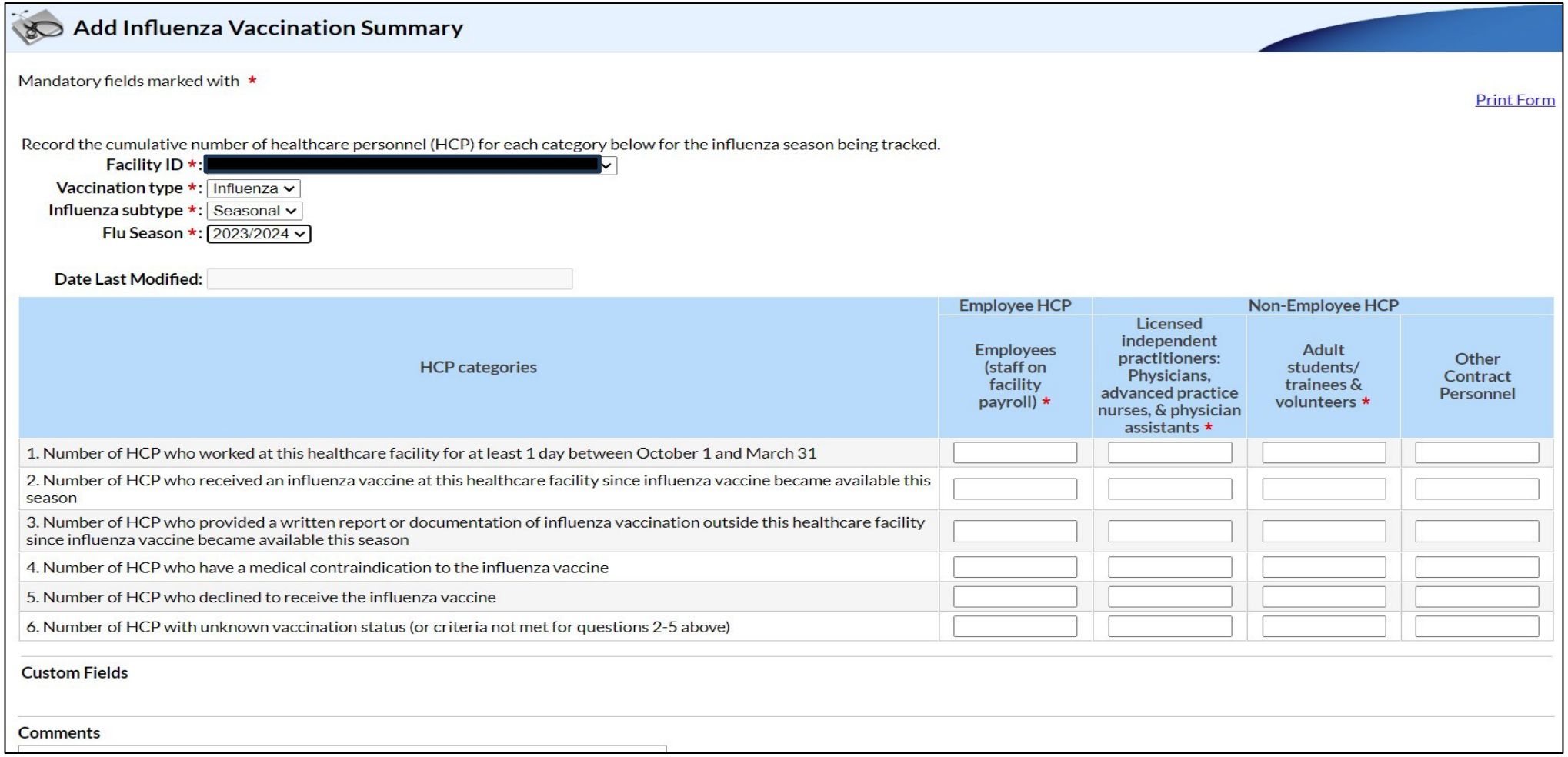
How To Report Annual HCP Influenza Vaccination Summary Data



Add Influenza Vaccination Summary

Mandatory fields marked with *

Print Form

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

Facility ID *: [redacted]

Vaccination type *: Influenza

Influenza subtype *: Seasonal

Flu Season *: 2023/2024

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

Custom Fields

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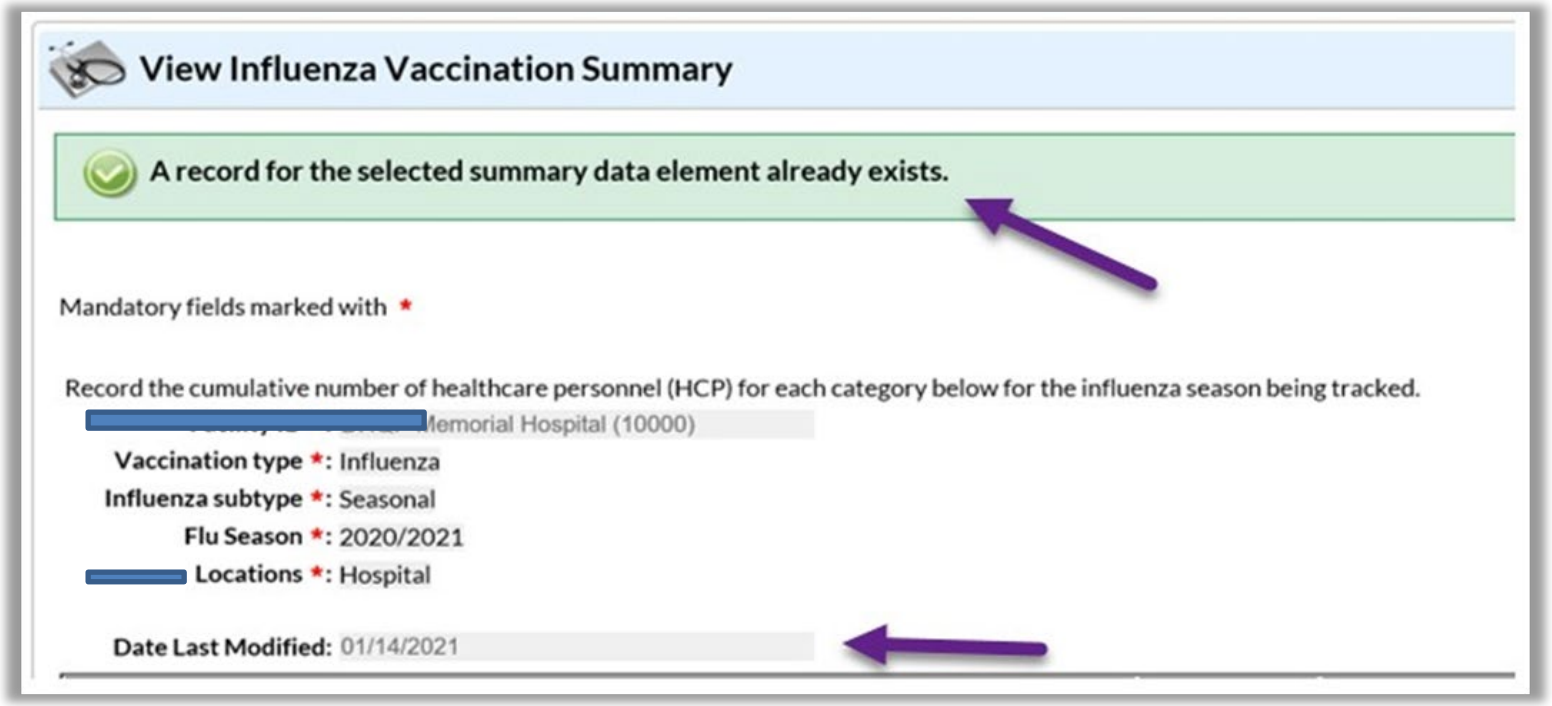
Editing HCP Influenza Vaccination Data

- 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



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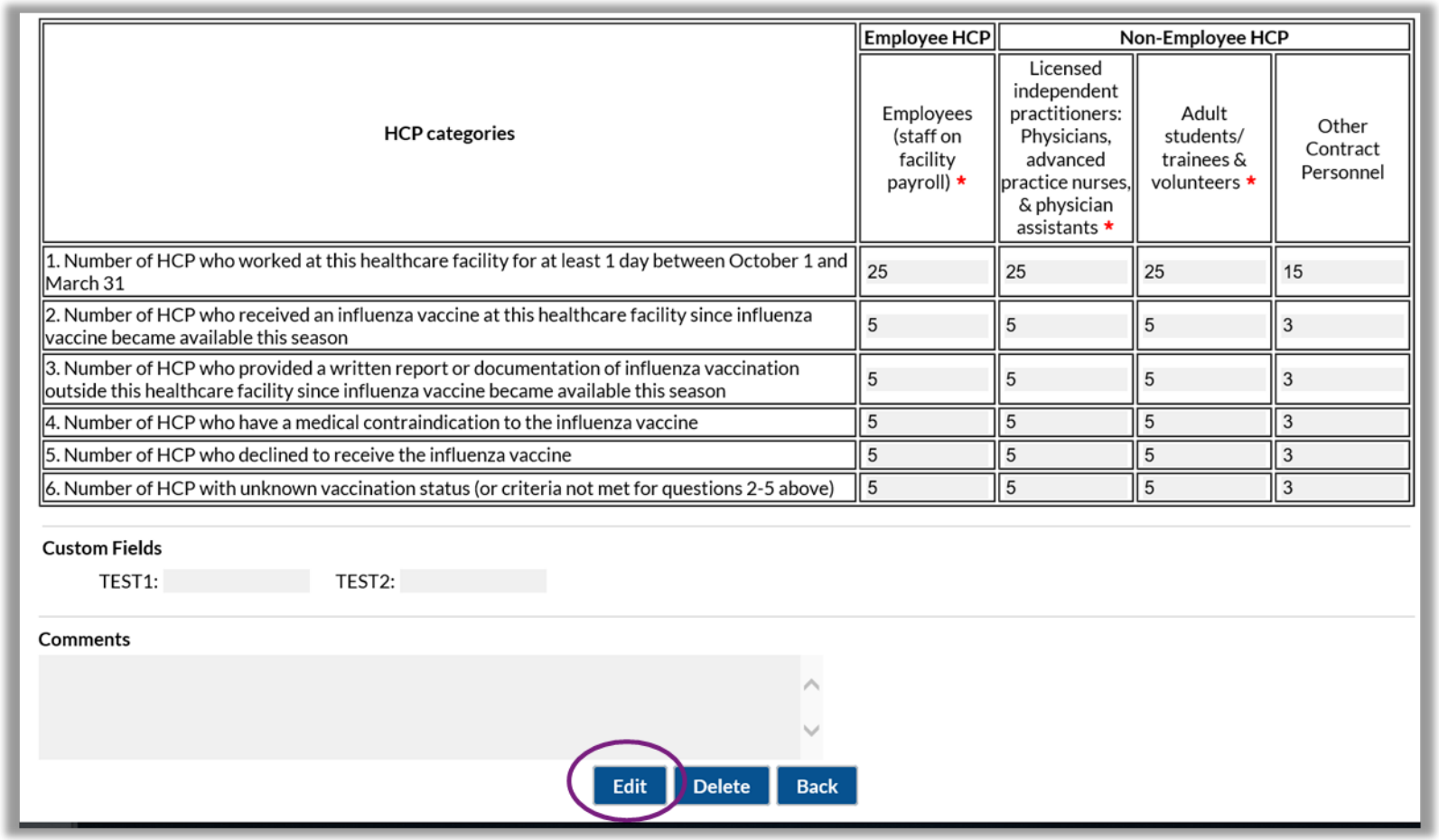

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2. Number of HCP who received an influenza vaccine at this healthcare facility since influenza vaccine became available this season	5	5	5	3
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6. Number of HCP with unknown vaccination status (or criteria not met for questions 2-5 above)	5	5	5	3

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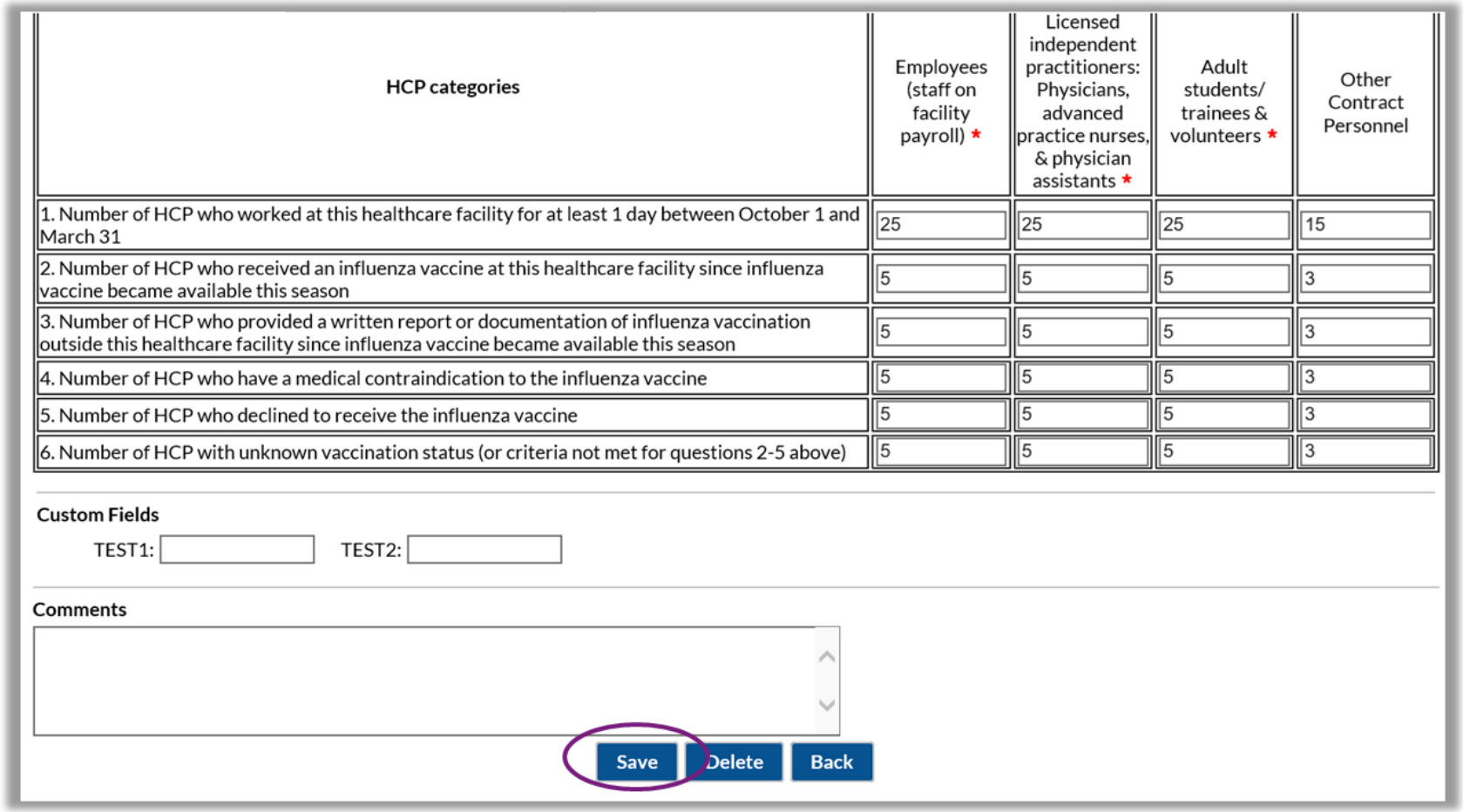
Saving HCP Influenza Vaccination Data

Click "Save" to save the updated data



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Influenza Vaccination Resources

Annual Flu Summary

Comprehensive Training – September 2023 [PDF – 2 MB]

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

https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/hps/vaccination/index.html?ACSTrackingID=DM104488&ACSTrackingLabel=Subject%20line%3A%20Reminder%3A%20Annual%20Healthcare%20Personnel%20Influenza%20Vaccination%20Data%20Reporting%20for%20Long-Term%20Care%20Facilities%20%E2%80%93%20Due%20May&deliveryName=DM104488

Common Influenza Vaccination Reporting Issues (Last Season)

- NHSN designated Facility Administrator was no longer employed at the facility
- Facility Administrator and/or other NHSN users did not have Level 3 access
- LTC component was de-activated while trying to activate the HPS component
- Facilities were not aware of the reporting deadline

Healthcare Personnel Vaccination Module - Influenza Vaccination Summary - Comprehensive Training Slides (cdc.gov)

NHSN LTCF Annual Survey

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Is the Annual Facility Survey Required?

The NHSN Annual Facility survey for long-term care facilities (LTCFs) is required for facilities that are currently or plan to report healthcare-associated infections (urinary tract infections), laboratory-identified events for C. difficile and/or multidrug-resistant organisms, and/or prevention process measures by March 1st or prior to reporting in the non-COVID-19 module(s), if beginning after March 1st.

All actively enrolled LTCFs have the option to complete the survey. However, the survey is NOT required for facilities participating exclusively in the COVID-19 module, and those facilities will not lose access to the system after March 1.

Please be aware that facilities with incomplete surveys may continue to see the "Survey Required" alert under Action Items on the NHSN LTCF home page, but no action is required unless the facility plans to participate in the available non-COVID-19 modules. Multidrug-resistant

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Missed Survey Deadline

If the deadline (March 1st) to complete the survey was missed, users can still access their NHSN facility account to fulfill this task.

Once the survey has been completed, the survey alert will disappear, and users can resume submitting the Monthly Reporting Plans (MRP) and Monthly Summary Data.

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LTCF Annual Survey

If your facility is **only** participating in the COVID-19 module, no further action is needed to complete Annual Facility Survey.

Facilities that are currently or plan to participate in HAI surveillance modules, should proceed forward with the training guidance to assist with completing survey.

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Important Information

- Annual Facility Surveys should be completed and submitted online by all LTC active facilities that plan to report HAI data.
- Deadline to complete the survey is **March 1st of each year.**
- **Failure to complete by the due date will result in users not being able to complete monthly reporting plans and enter event data.**
- Most survey questions are based on facility characteristics and practices during the previous calendar year.
    - *Ex. Survey year 2022 (incl. Jan. 2022 through Dec. 2022)*

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Important Information

- Surveys ***must*** be completed in one session (incomplete surveys cannot be saved).
- Survey ***must*** be submitted into the NHSN application and **should not** be sent to NHSN via e-mail.
- Surveys may be viewed, edited, and printed anytime after submitting.
- NHSN ServiceNow – for questions and issues

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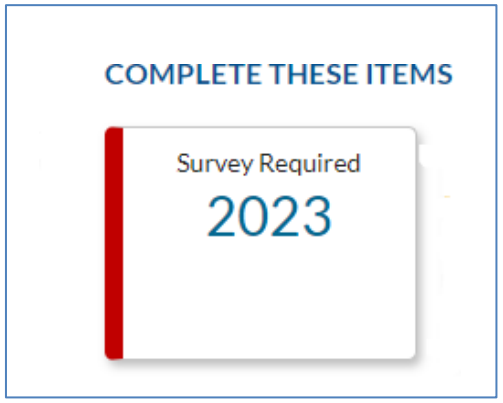
LTCF Annual Survey

- **Accuracy is important -** Recommend the use of NHSN paper forms and instructions to collect required information
- Paper form: https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/forms/57.137_LTCFSurv_BLANK.pdf
- Survey Table of Instructions: https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/forms/instr/57.137-toi-annual-facility-survey.pdf



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Long Term Care Facility Component—Annual Facility Survey

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*required for saving	Tracking #:
Facility ID:	*Survey Year:
*National Provider ID:	State Provider #:

Facility Characteristics

*Ownership (check one):
☐ For profit ☐ Not for profit, including church ☐ Government (not VA) ☐ Veterans Affairs

*Certification (check one):
☐ Dual Medicare/Medicaid ☐ Medicare only ☐ Medicaid only ☐ State only

*Affiliation (check one): ☐ Independent, free-standing ☐ Independent, continuing care retirement community
☐ Multi-facility organization (chain) ☐ Hospital system, attached ☐ Hospital system, free-standing

In the previous calendar year:
*Average daily census: _____

*Total number of short-stay residents: _____ Average length of stay for short-stay residents: _____
*Total number of long-stay residents: _____ Average length of stay for long-stay residents: _____

*Total number of new admissions: _____

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LTCF Annual Survey

This email is intended for Facility and Group users of the Long-term Care Facility Component (LTCF) of NHSN.

Dear LTCF User,

This email is a follow-up to previous communication regarding the LTC *Annual Facility Survey*. NHSN appreciates your patience while we worked to implement the NHSN application update to resolve the issue.

The resolved issue: A validation error previously appeared when a user selected "No" for question #6: *"Is it a policy in your facility to routinely use gown/gloves for care of residents infected or colonized with a multidrug-resistant organism (MDRO)? □ Yes □ No (If "No", continue to question #7)".*

- This issue has now been resolved and facilities are able to successfully save the Annual Facility Survey.

As a reminder, surveys should be completed electronically by March 1, 2024.

If you have questions, please use NHSN-ServiceNow. The portal can be accessed here or through your SAMS account. After logging into SAMS, the NHSN-ServiceNow link is located at the bottom of the page.

If you are unable to access ServiceNow, you can email the NHSN Help Desk at nhsn@cdc.gov and include "*LTCF Annual Facility Survey Validation Error*" in the subject line.

We appreciate your patience in resolving this issue.

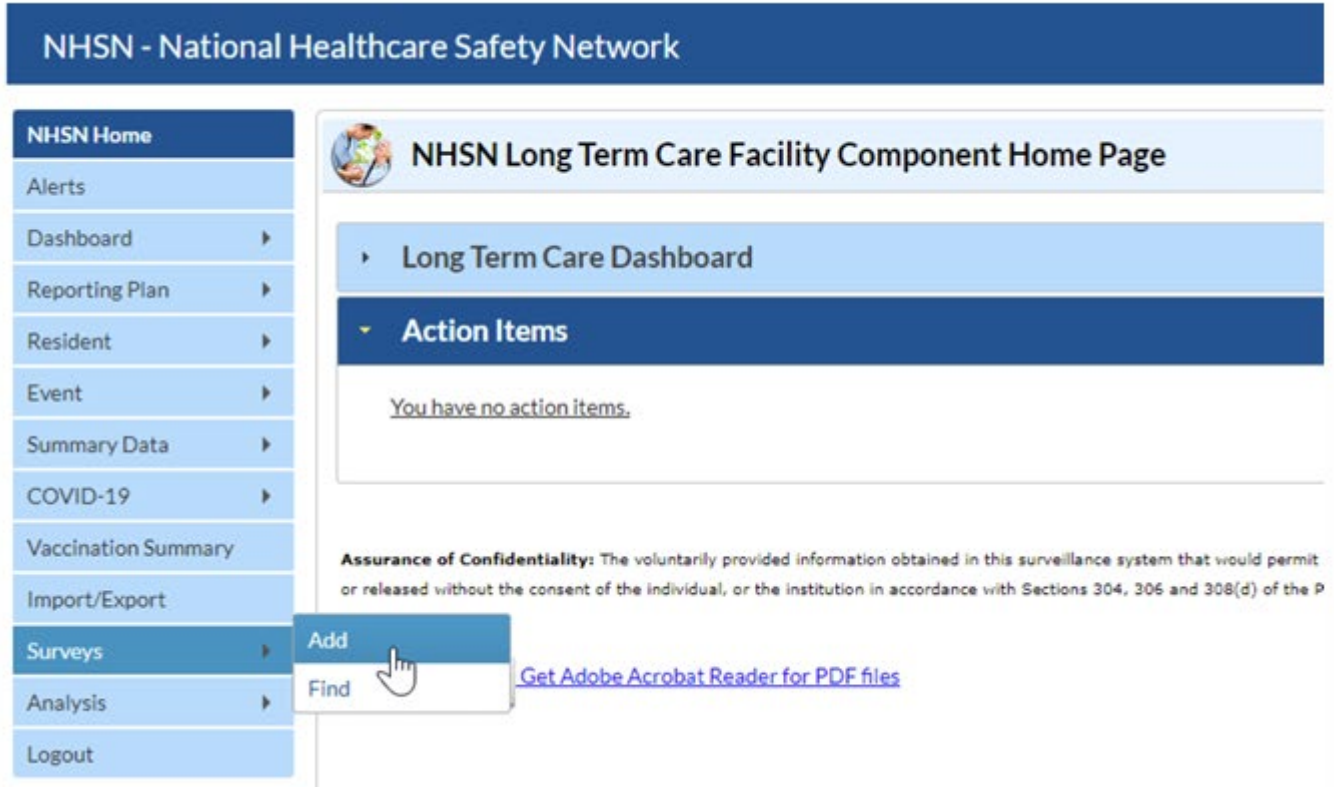
Thank you for your partnership,

The NHSN LTCF Team

Getting Started With Your Annual Survey

NHSN Facility User w/All Rights View

You can access the survey by clicking “Surveys” tab then “Add” on the left blue navigation panel (as shown in the example on the slide).



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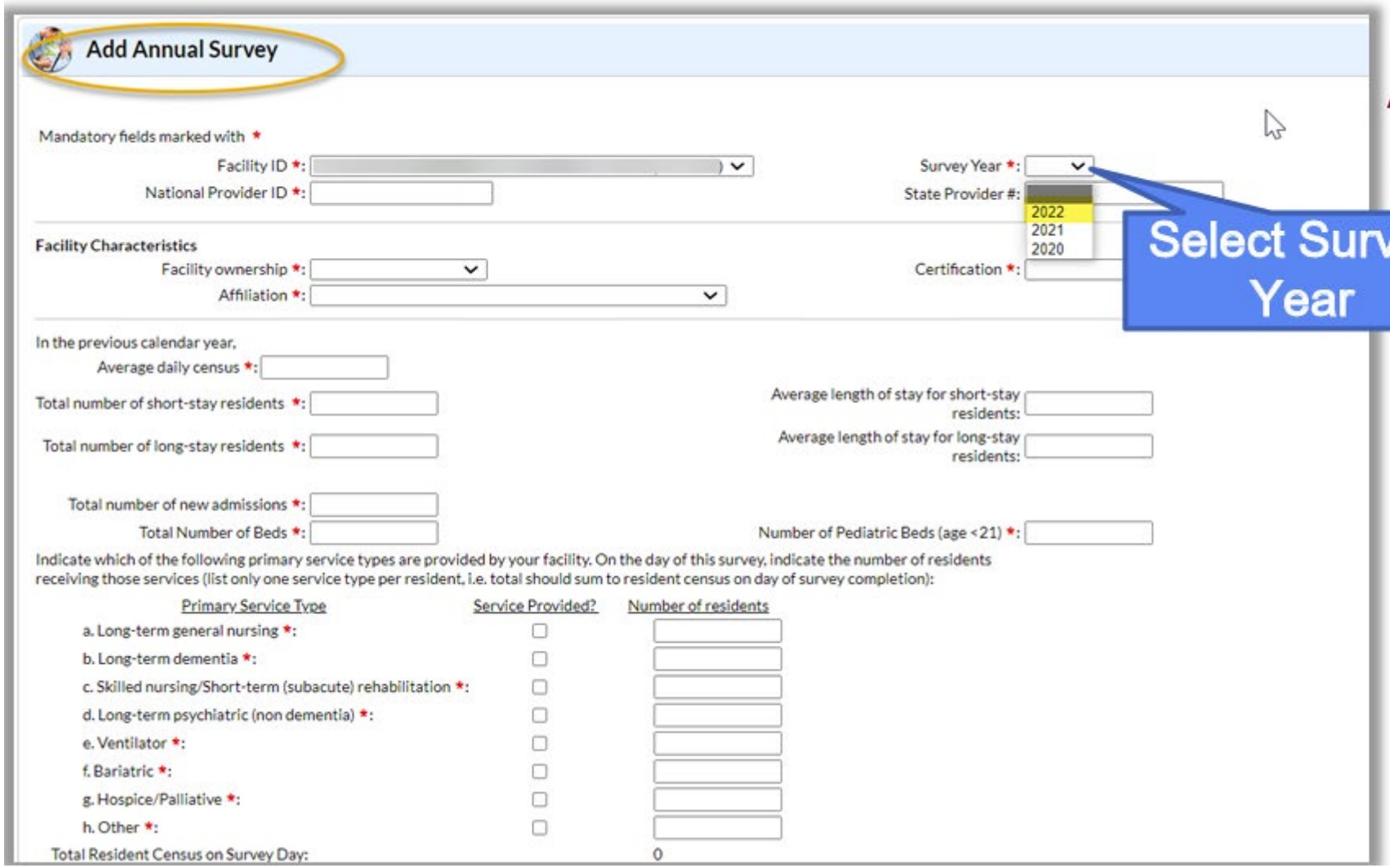

Select Survey Year

Add Required Information

Red *asterisk = required

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Completing Your Annual Survey

On the day you complete this survey..

- The **Primary Service Type** portion is the only section on the survey that seeks current year information on the day this survey is completed.

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

Primary Service Type	Service Provided?	Number of residents
a. Long-term general nursing *:	☑	47
b. Long-term dementia *:	☑	20
c. Skilled nursing/Short-term (subacute) rehabilitation *:	☑	20
d. Long-term psychiatric (non dementia) *:	☐	
e. Ventilator *:	☐	
f. Bariatric *:	☐	
g. Hospice/Palliative *:	☑	10
h. Other *:	☐	
Total Resident Census on Survey Day:		97

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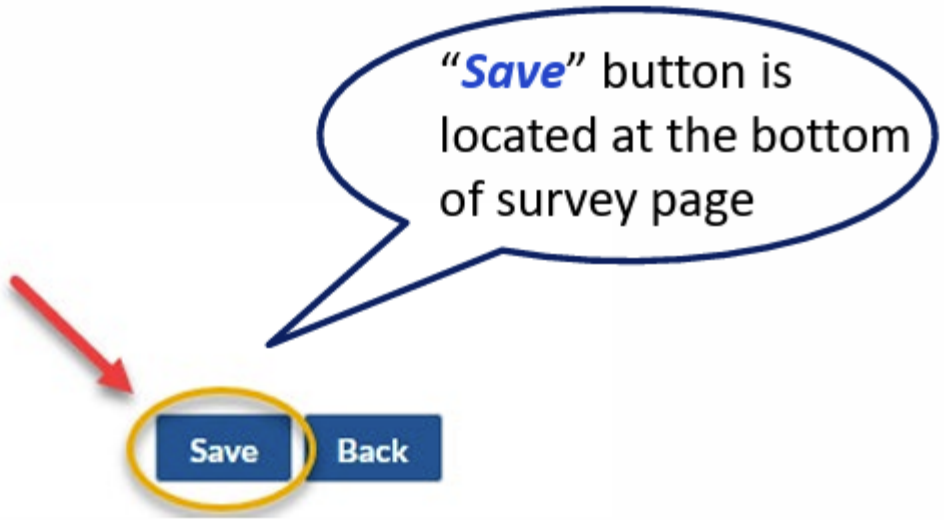

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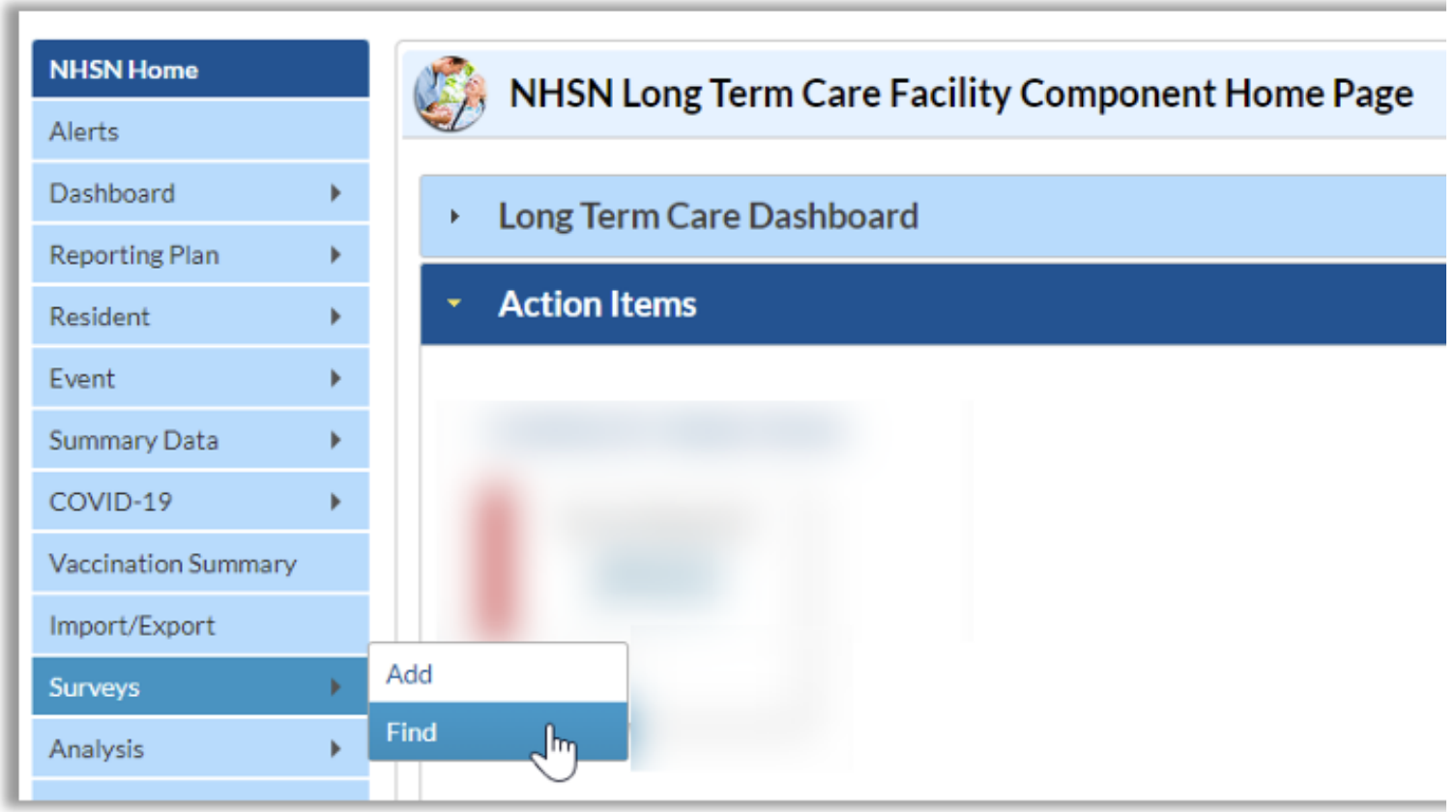
Step 2: Click **"Find"**



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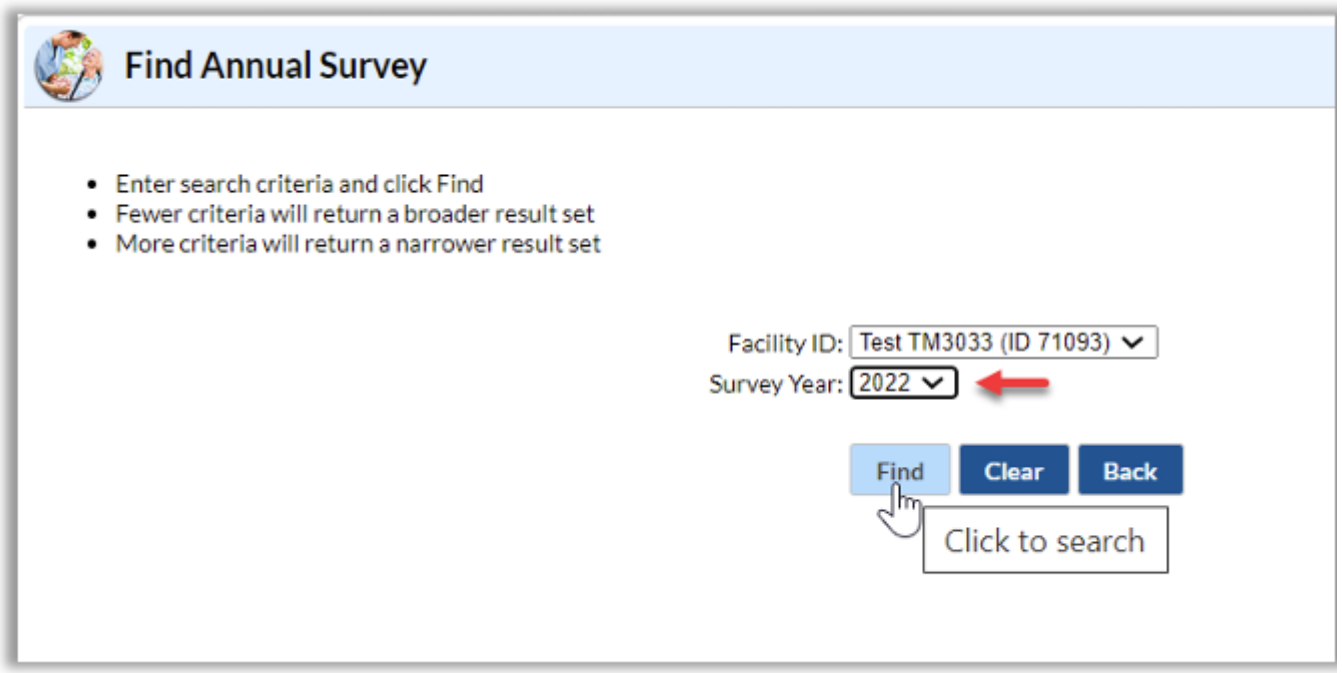

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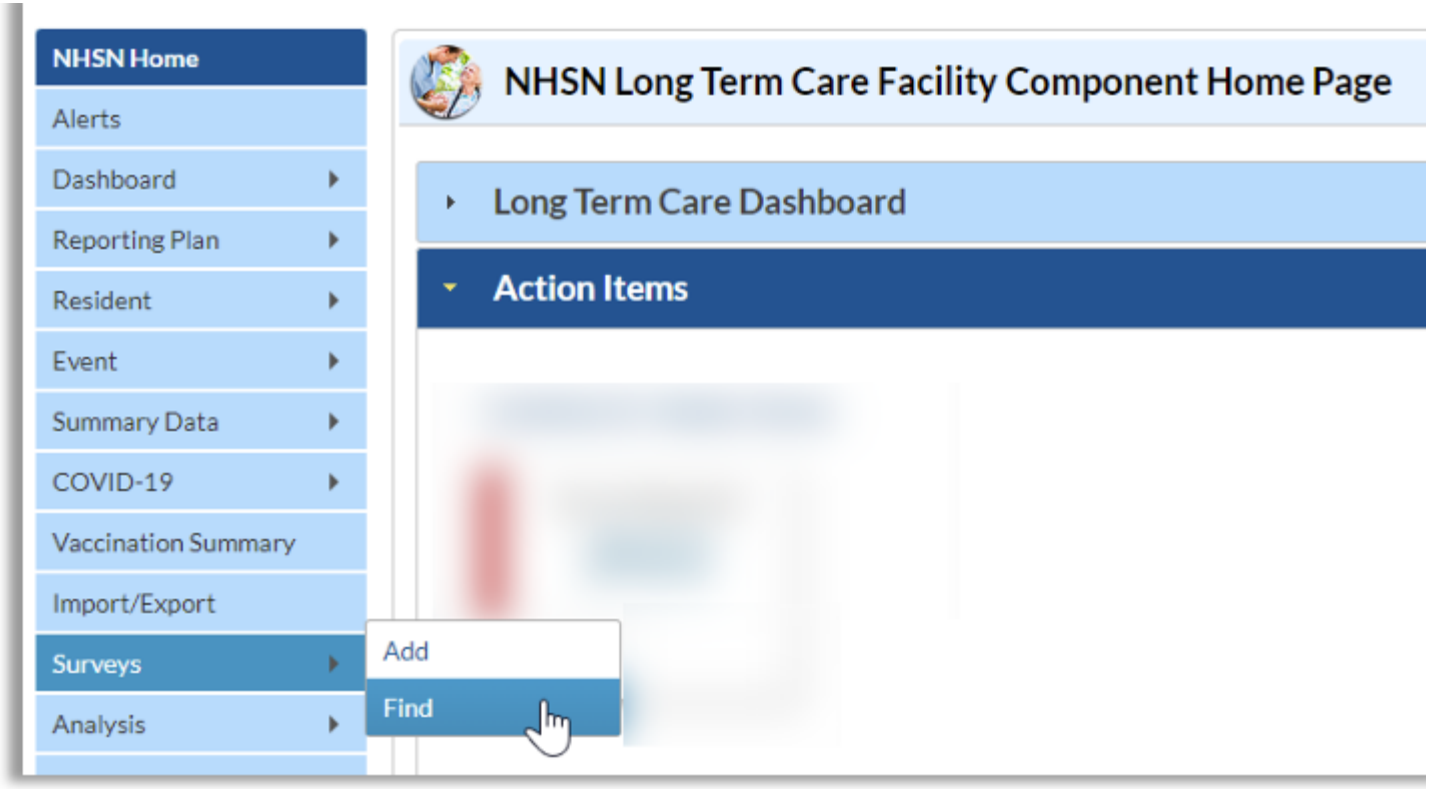

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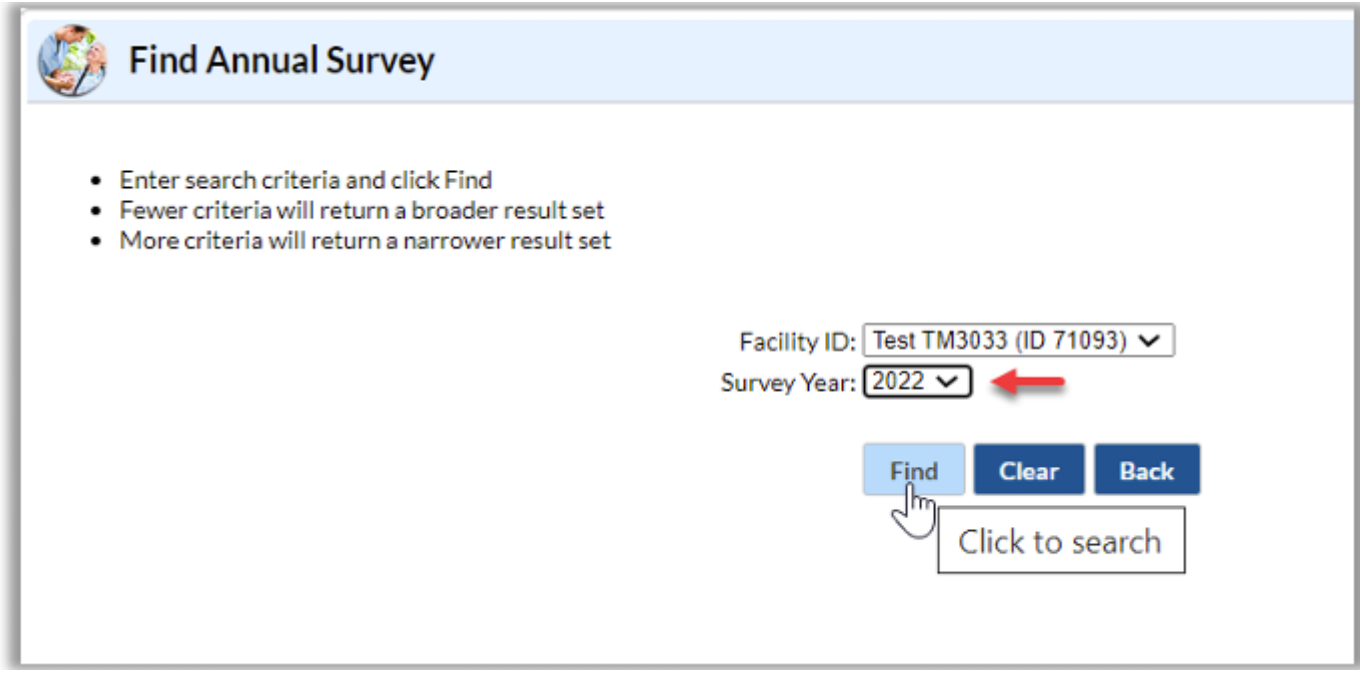

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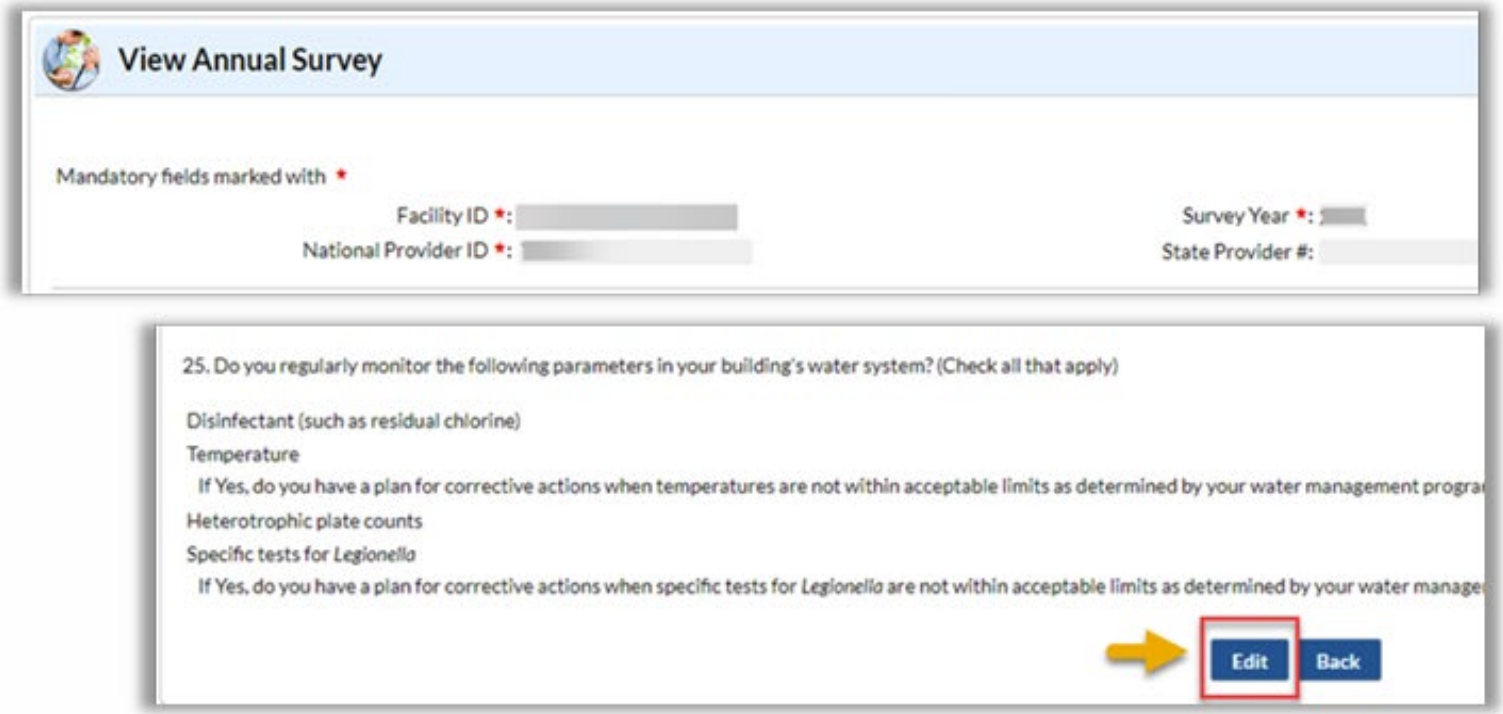
Step 5: On the "View Annual Survey "page scroll to bottom of page and click **"Edit"**



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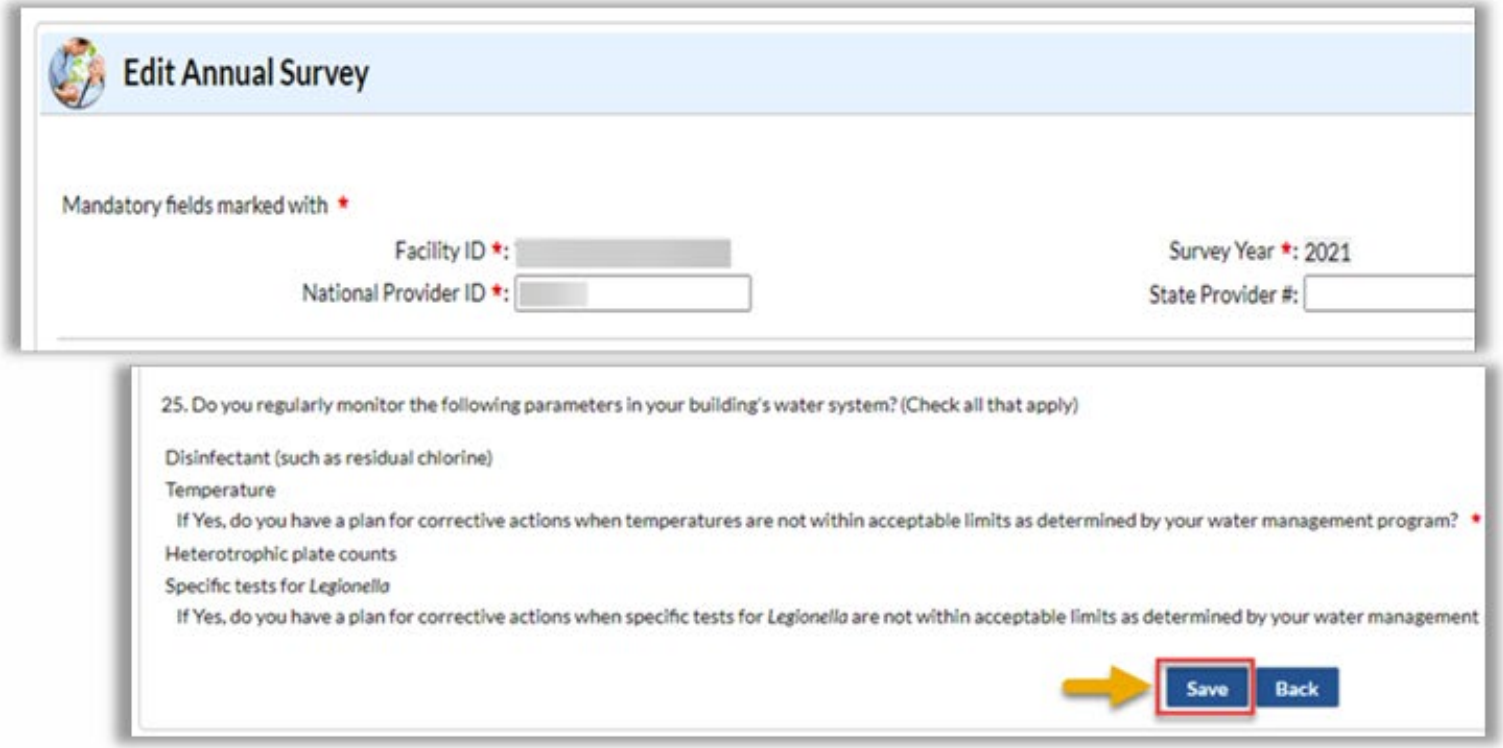

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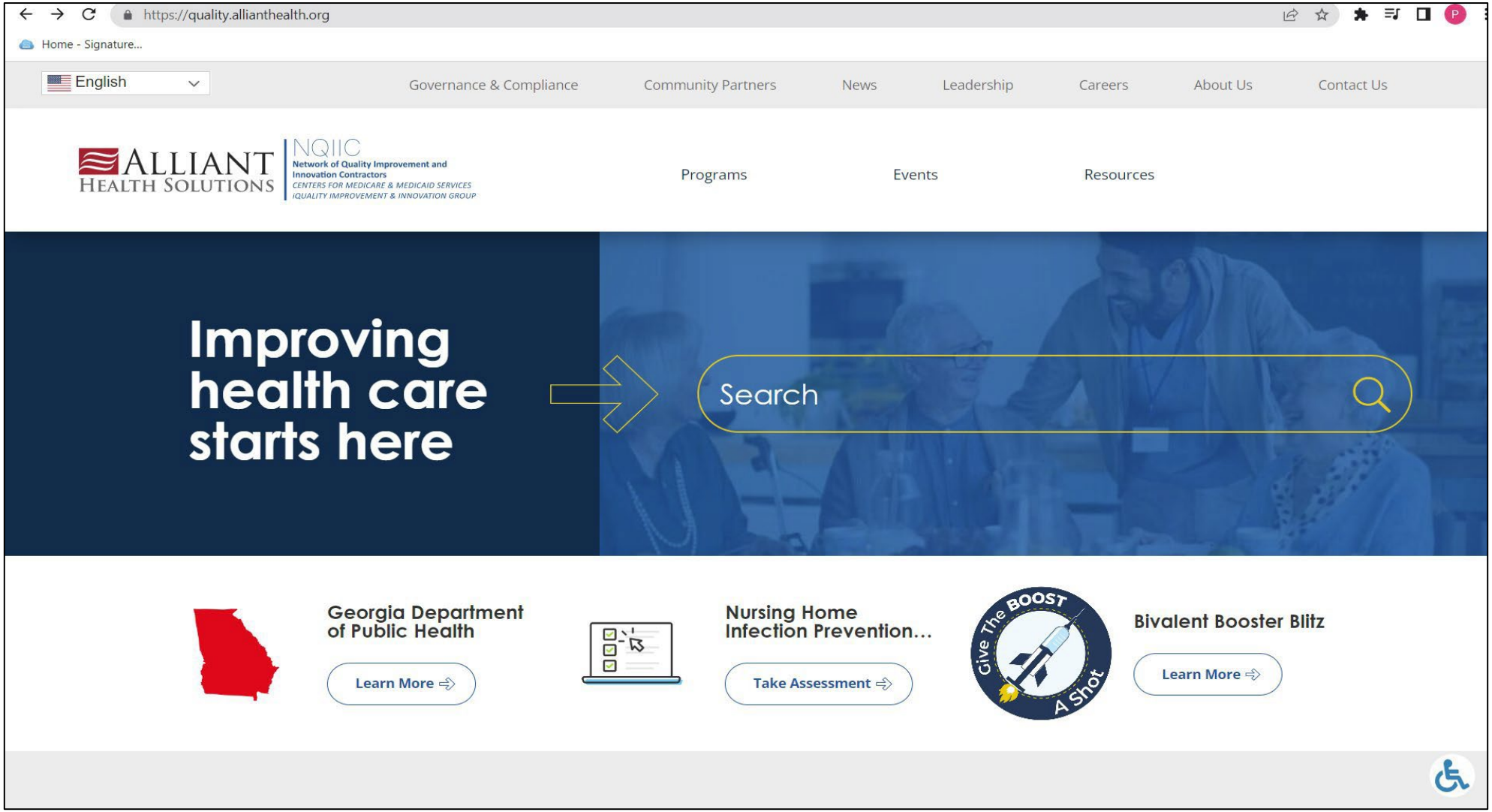
Alliant Health and NHSN Updates

In Case You Missed It

Last month's Shop Talk:

- NSHN updated definition changes, reporting form changes, LTCF annual survey, and HCP flu summary reporting.
- Slides
- Webinar Recording

Alliant Health Solutions Updated Website!



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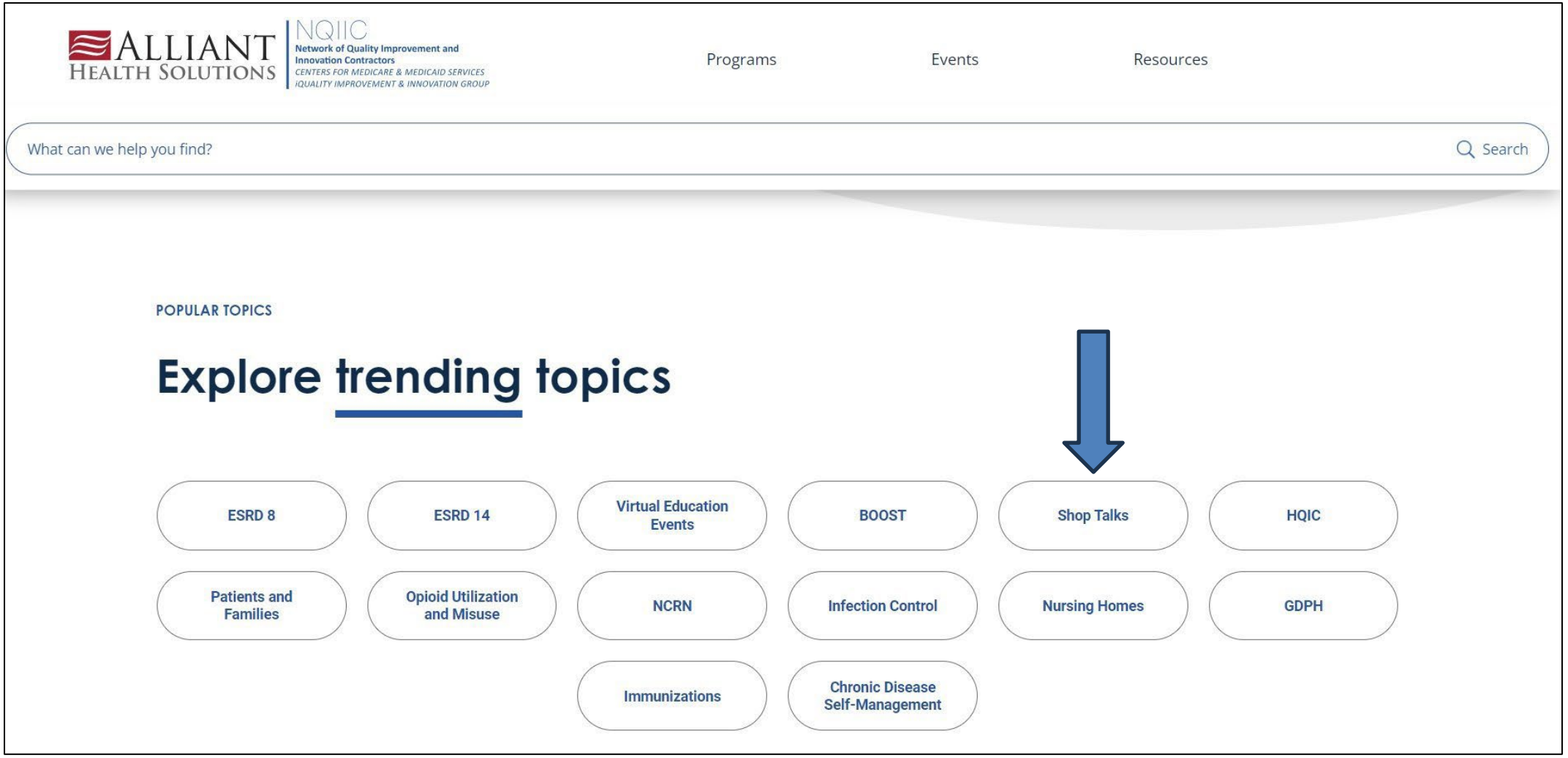

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Shop Talks & Quickinars

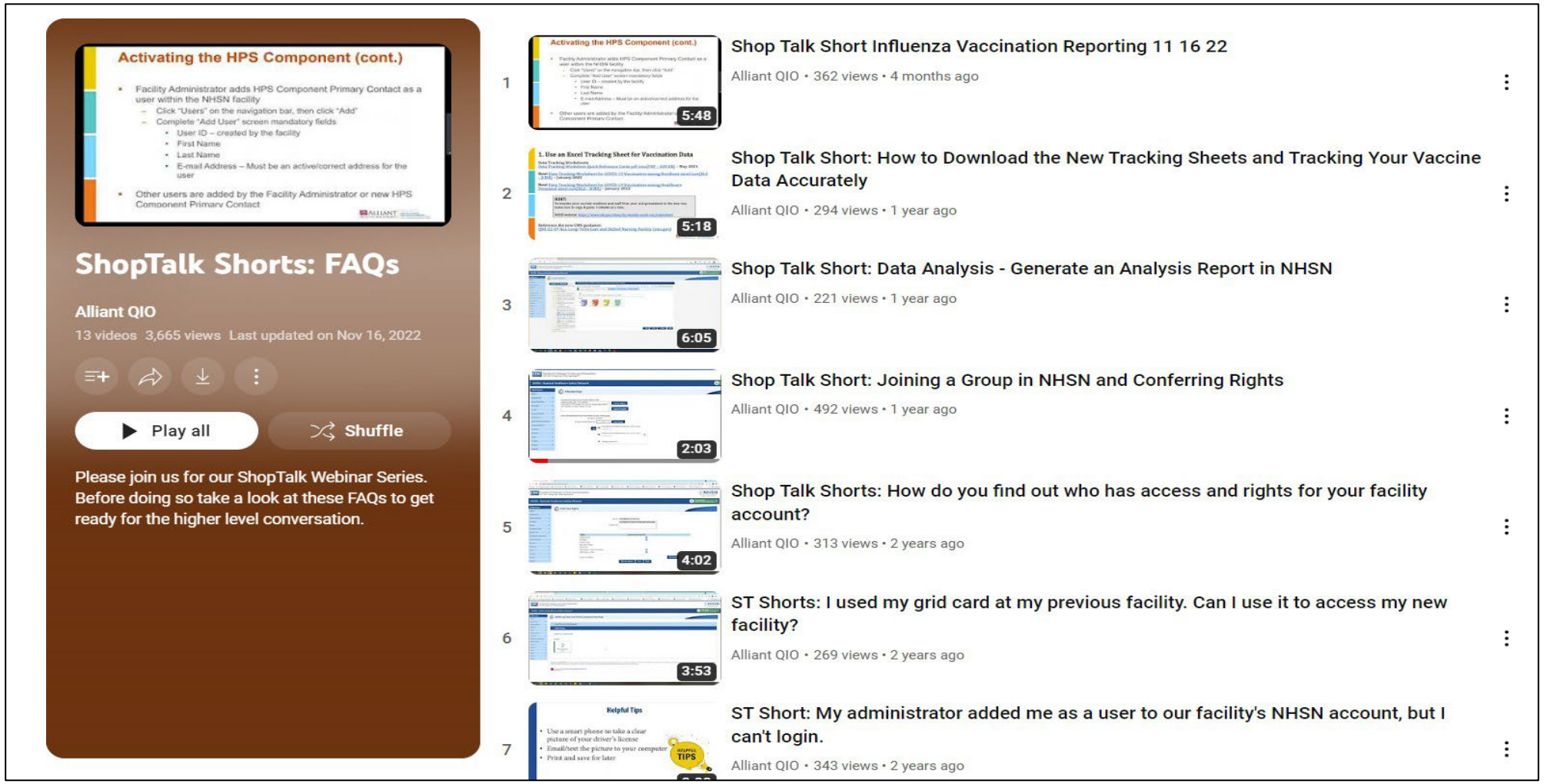
A shop talk is a webinar hosted by Alliant to share information and resources.

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



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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

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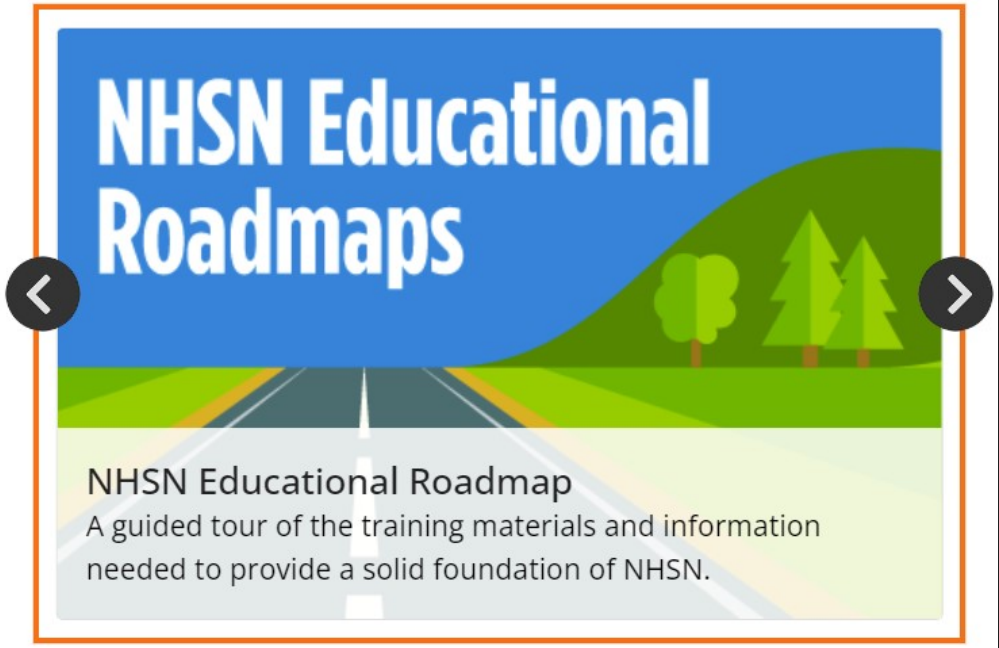
NHSN Training

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.



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Long-Term Care Facility Component Roadmap

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]

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]

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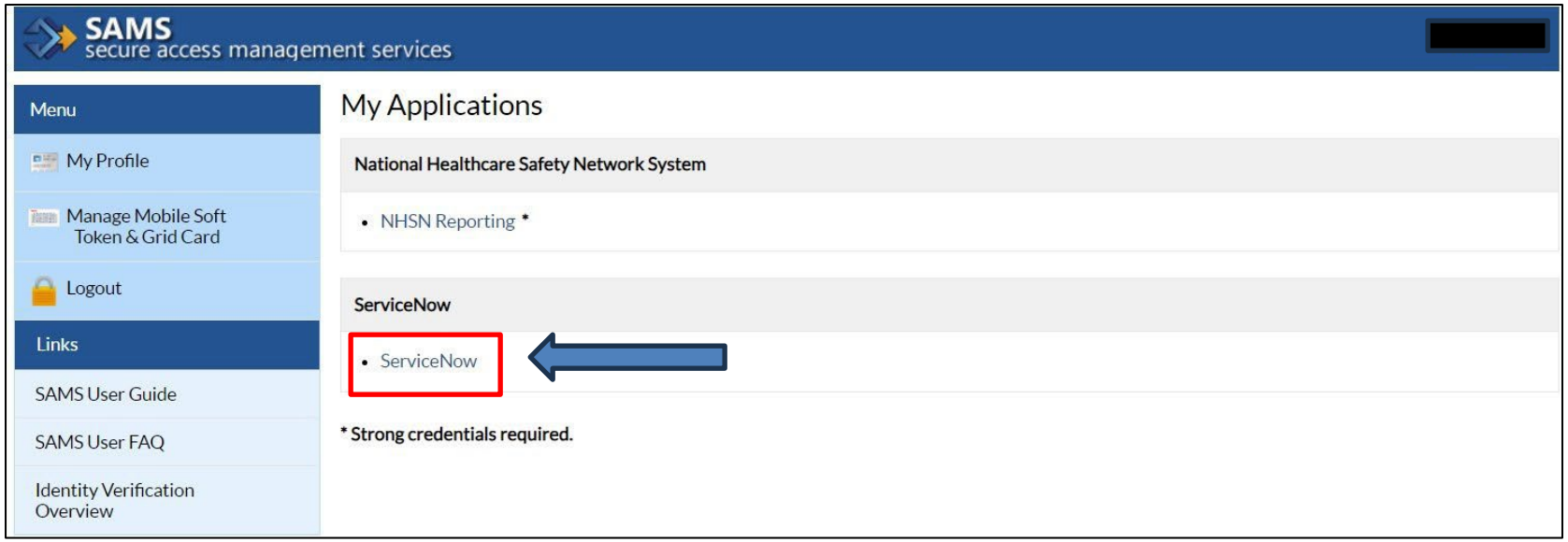

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NHSN ServiceNow

For **Category** (using *Long-term Care Component*), you can choose from:

- Add/edit Component
- Alerts
- Analysis
- CAUTI
- CMS Letters
- CMS Reporting
- COVID-19
- COVID-19 Vaccination
- CSV File
- Data Entry
- Data Quality
- DUA
- Email Change
- Enrollment
- Facility Admin Reassignment
- General Analysis
- Group Analysis
- Groups/Super Groups
- Help Desk Support
- LabID Event-CDI
- LabID Event-MDRO
- NHSN Access
- NHSN Alert
- Other
- Password Reset
- Policy and Operations
- Prevention Process Measures
- Protocol
- SAMS Access
- Surveys
- Temporary Enrollment Number
- Training

NHSN ServiceNow

For **Category** (using *Healthcare Personnel Safety Component*), you can choose from:

- Acute Care
- Add/Edit Component
- Ambulatory Surgery Center
- CMS Letters
- COVID-19 Vaccination
- CSV File
- Dialysis
- DUA
- Email Change
- Enrollment
- Facility Admin Reassignment
- Flu Vaccination
- Groups/Super Groups
- Health Department
- Help Desk Support
- Inpatient Psychiatric Facility
- Inpatient Rehab Facility
- Long Term Care
- NHSN Access
- NHSN Alert
- Other
- Password Reset
- Policy and Operations
- Quality Improvement Organization or Network
- SAMS Access
- Temporary Enrollment Number
- Training

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Registration Link

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Nursing Home and Partnership for Community Health:
CMS 12th SOW GOALS

OPIOID UTILIZATION AND MISUSE

Promote opioid best practices

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Reduce opioid adverse drug events in all settings

PATIENT SAFETY

Reduce hospitalizations due to c. diff

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Reduce adverse drug events

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Reduce facility acquired infections

CHRONIC DISEASE SELF-MANAGEMENT

Increase instances of adequately diagnosed and controlled hypertension

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Increase use of cardiac rehabilitation programs

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Reduce instances of uncontrolled diabetes

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Identify patients at high-risk for kidney disease and improve outcomes

CARE COORDINATION

Convene community coalitions

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Reduce avoidable readmissions, admissions to hospitals and preventable emergency department visits

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Identify and promote optimal care for super utilizers

COVID-19

Support nursing homes by establishing a safe visitor policy and cohort plan

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Provide virtual events to support infection control and prevention

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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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