

# The National Healthcare Safety Network Point of Care (POC) Test Result Reporting Tool (POC Tool) for COVID-19

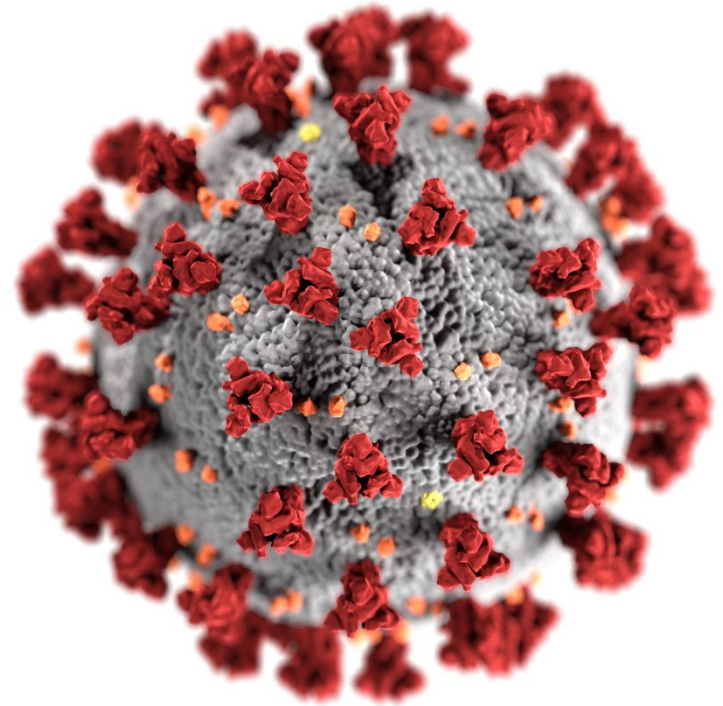
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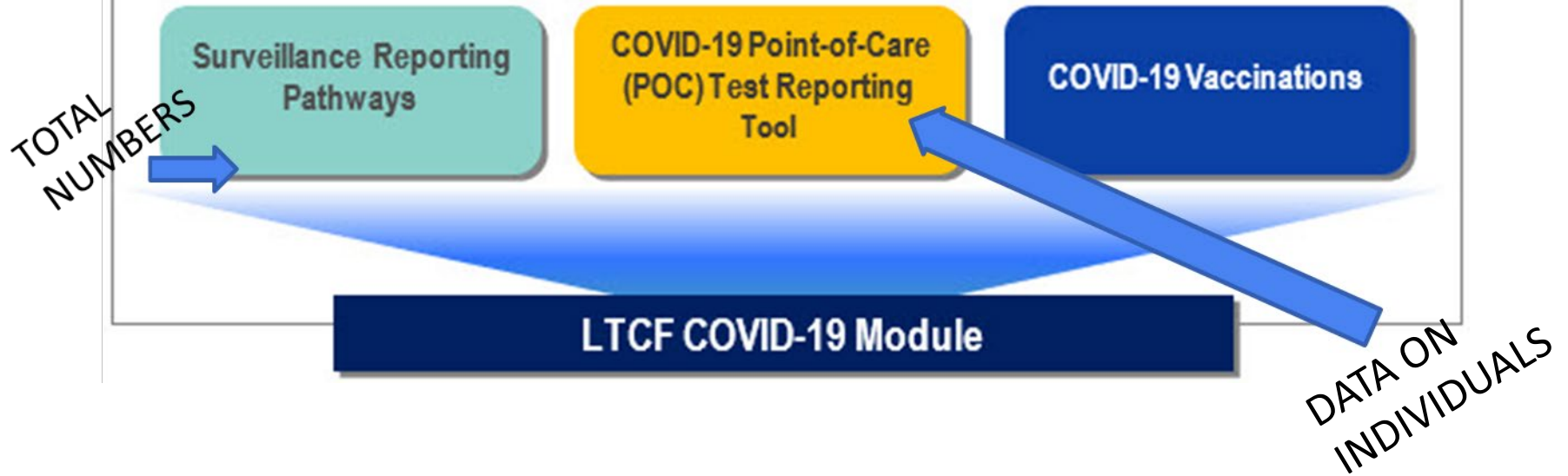
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# Agenda

- Overview
  - Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act
  - Data sharing through the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN)  
Data entry
- Analytics
- Frequently asked questions
- Demonstration
- Resources



Optimizing Timely, Systematic Data Collection to Characterize, Inform, Strengthen



Only the POC Test Reporting Tool provides COVID-19 test data for individuals. Do not confuse the Surveillance Reporting Pathways and the POC Test Reporting Tool

## National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN)



CDC's National Healthcare Safety Network is the nation's most widely used healthcare-associated infection tracking system. NHSN provides facilities, states, regions, and the nation with data needed to identify problem areas, measure progress of prevention efforts, and ultimately eliminate healthcare-associated infections.

In addition, NHSN allows healthcare facilities to track blood safety errors and important healthcare process measures such as healthcare personnel influenza vaccine status and infection control adherence rates.

### LTCF COVID-19 Module



Long-term Care Facilities  
Includes Nursing Homes, Skilled  
Nursing & Assisted Living Facilities

### Dialysis COVID-19 Module



Dialysis Facilities  
Includes Outpatient Dialysis and Home  
Dialysis Facilities

**COVID-19 Information**  
COVID-19 Data Dashboard and resources for reporting into the LTCF and Dialysis COVID-19 Modules

### About NHSN

CDC's NHSN is the largest HAI reporting system in the U.S.



### Data & Reports

See national and state reports using NHSN data.



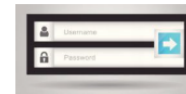
### Guidelines & Recommendations

Review CDC HAI prevention guidelines.



### NHSN Member Login

Access NHSN Application



### New to NHSN? Enroll Facility Here

For first time facility enrollment.



### Reporting & Surveillance for Enrolled Facilities

Training, protocols, forms, support materials, and resources and FAQs

### Group Users

View resources for group users.



### CDA Submission Support Portal (CSPS)

Toolkits, FAQs, webinars and resources for testing and validation for CDA implementers.

- NHSN Login
- About NHSN
- Enroll Here
- Change NHSN Facility Administrator

Materials for Enrolled Facilities

- COVID-19 Information
- Ambulatory Surgery Centers
- Acute Care Hospitals/Facilities
- Long-term Acute Care Hospitals/Facilities
- Long-term Care Facilities
- COVID-19 Module**
  - Surveillance for C. difficile Infection (CDI) and Multidrug Resistant Organisms (MDRO)
  - Surveillance for Urinary Tract Infections (UTI)
  - Surveillance for Prevention Process Measures – Hand Hygiene, Gloves and Gown Use Adherence

## LTCF COVID-19 Module

CDC's NHSN provides healthcare facilities, such as long-term care facilities (LTCFs), with a secure reporting platform for reporting outcomes and process measures in a systematic way. Reported data are immediately available for use in strengthening local and national surveillance, monitoring trends in infection rates, assisting in identifying resource insecurities, and informing progress toward infection prevention goals.

The [NHSN Long-term Care Facility Component](#) supports the nation's COVID-19 response Module. Facilities eligible to report data to NHSN's COVID-19 Module include nursing homes for the developmentally disabled, and assisted living facilities.

Data reported into the LTCF COVID-19 Module **Surveillance Reporting Pathways** facilitate COVID-19 through facility reported surveillance data. Examples of data reported in the p

- Counts of residents and facility personnel newly positive for COVID-19 based on viral
- COVID-19 vaccination status of residents newly positive for COVID-19.
- Re-infections in residents and facility personnel previously infected with COVID-19.
- COVID-19 related death counts among residents and facility personnel.
- Staffing shortages.
- Availability and surge capacity use of personal protective equipment (PPE) and alcohol
- Monoclonal therapeutic availability and use.
- Ventilator capacity and supplies for facilities with ventilator-dependent units.

The **Point-of-Care (POC) Test Reporting Tool** is a separate reporting option for LTCFs that is provided by a POC device. NHSN routes reported POC laboratory test result data to the state level with jurisdictional authority and responsibility for receiving those data. Import data in this tool **does not** take the place of answering POC related questions in the Resident surveillance reporting pathway.



- MDRO
- COVID Event Calculator
- VAE Calculator
- PedVAE Calculator
- HAI & POA Worksheet Generator
- HAI Checklists
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
- AU Option Case Examples
- Group Users
- Analysis Resources
- Annual Reports
- CMS Requirements
- National Quality Forum (NQF)
- Newsletters
- E-mail Updates
- Data Validation Guidance
- HIPAA Privacy Rule

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# Educational Resources

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

Enhancing Data Security

- Increasing LTCF SAMS Level Access to NHSN

Training

Archived Trainings

- COVID-19 Module Overview for LTCFs – May, 2020
  - [YouTube Link \[Video – 84 min\]](#)
  - [Slideset](#) [PDF – 7 MB]
- COVID-19 Module Enrollment Guidance for LTCFs – May, 2020
  - [Slideset](#) [PDF – 4 MB]
- Group Guide to Using LTCF COVID-19 Module – June, 2020
  - [YouTube Link \[Video – 31 min\]](#)
- COVID-19 Data Quality Webinar – August, 2020
  - [YouTube Link \[Video – 31 min\]](#)
  - [Slideset](#) [PDF – 4 MB]
- Office Hours: COVID-19 Module Updates for August 2020. [PDF – 1 MB] – September, 2020
- New! [Point of Care Test Reporting Tool](#). [PDF – 3 MB] – January, 2021

National CMS/CDC Nursing Home COVID-19 Training

Through the Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) Program, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) hosts a weekly webinar series (every Thursday, 4-5 pm ET) to provide training for infection control processes in nursing homes. To review a list of archived trainings and recordings, as well as view and register for upcoming trainings, please visit <https://qioprogram.org/nursing-home-trainings>.

Data Collection Forms & Instructions

Resident Impact and Facility Capacity

- COVID-19 Resident Impact and Facility Capacity Pathway Form (7/14/21)

FAQs

- [POC Testing Reporting Tool FAQs](#) [PDF – 1 MB]

CMS Requirements

[CMS Requirements for reporting in NHSN](#)

CMS COVID-19 Updates:

Interim Final Rule (IFC), CMS-3401-IFC. [Additional Policy and Regulatory Revisions in Response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency related to Long-Term Care \(LTC\) Facility Testing Requirements and Revised COVID-19 Focused Survey Tool](#). [PDF – 500 KB] – August 26, 2020

[Considerations for Interpreting Antigen Test Results in Nursing Homes Algorithm](#). [PDF – 200 KB] – August 26, 2020

[CMS COVID-19 Reporting Requirements for Nursing Homes](#). [PDF – 200 KB] – May 8, 2020

[FAQs about COVID-19 Data Published by CMS](#). [PDF – 200 KB]

[CMS Announces Relief for Clinicians, Patients, Hospitals](#)

## What is Point of Care Testing (POCT)?

- The College of American Pathologists (CAP) defines POCT as “testing that is performed near or at the site of a patient with the result leading to a possible change in the care of the patient.”<sup>1</sup>
- It is usually performed by non-laboratory trained individuals such as nurses, physicians, nursing assistants, and anesthesia assistants
- These tests generally offer faster turn-around time for results
- They often require less sample volume than tests performed in the laboratory

# Overview

Impetus and Process



# Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act

*Public Law 116-136, § 18115(a)*<sup>1</sup>

- Requires reporting
  - within 24 hours of results
  - results of each test to “detect SARS-CoV-2 or to diagnosis a possible case of COVID-19” by laboratories\*
  - to Secretary of Department of Health and Human Services(DHHS)
- DHHS issued guidance on June 4, 2020 to outline requirements for data submission to DHHS as authorized under the CARES Act<sup>2</sup>
- “As a guiding principle, data should be sent to state or local public health departments using existing reporting channels (in accordance with state law or policies) **to ensure rapid initiation of case investigations by those departments....**”

\* laboratory definition includes all locations performing point of care testing (NHs, ALFs, etc.)

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.congress.gov/116/plaws/publ136/PLAW-116publ136.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/covid-19-laboratory-data-reporting-guidance.pdf>



## Reporting Guidance Language- Update from January 8, 2020

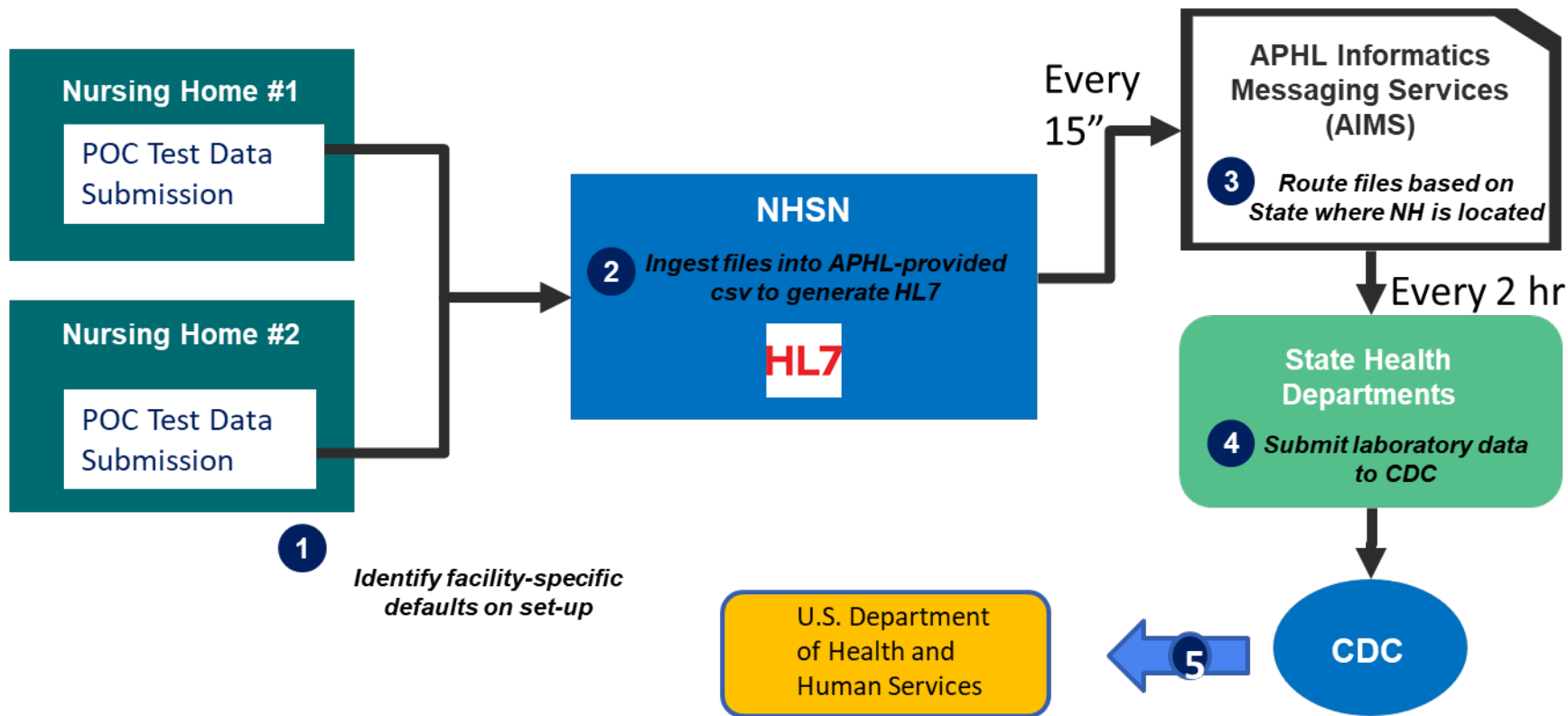
- *CMS-certified long-term care facilities may submit point-of-care SARS-CoV-2 testing data, including antigen testing data, to CDC's National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN). This CDC- and CMS-preferred pathway to submit data to CDC's NHSN applies only to CMS-certified long-term care facilities. Test data submitted to NHSN will be reported to appropriate state and local health departments using standard electronic laboratory messages. Other types of LTC facilities may also report testing data in NHSN for self-tracking or to fulfill state or local reporting requirements, if any. While NHSN is the CDC- and CMS-preferred pathway, Medicare and Medicaid-certified LTC facilities may submit data through the other mechanisms described in the Current Methods of Submission section of [HHS Laboratory Reporting Guidance](#) to meet the reporting requirements.*
- <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/covid-19-laboratory-data-reporting-guidance.pdf>

## Why a Reporting Option Through the National Healthcare Safety Network?

- Creates a single, standardized reporting system that:
  - 1) all ~15,400 nursing homes already use for other COVID-19 reporting;
  - 2) has the capability to share data with state and local health departments;
  - 3) has the capability to share data with HHS and CMS; and
  - 4) avoids the creation of a patchwork of different jurisdictional reporting systems by state health departments

If your state or local health department has already developed a process by which facilities report these data, please contact these public health authorities before changing the reporting process.

# Nursing Home Reporting Proposed Data Flow



# Manual Data Entry




## Burden-sparing NHSN Architecture

- “Single-page application”
- Required data elements limited to those identified in CARES Act and/or needed by state and local health departments
- Drop down list for county based on State
- Options are specific for the test device used
  - Test ordered
  - Specimen source
  - Test result

## Burden-sparing NHSN Architecture Cont.


- Auto-population for some data fields
  - Links to previously entered demographics for the tested individual
  - Defaults to facility address for residents
  - Allows for facility-specific defaults for device(s) type and ordering physician
  - Defaults to identified information for
    - Test Ordered
    - Specimen number
    - Symptomatic?
    - Pregnant?

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▶ Long Term Care Dashboard

▼ Action Items

COMPLETE THESE ITEMS

- Dashboard
- Pathway Data Reporting
- POC Test Result Reporting 
- COVID-19 Vaccination - HCW
- COVID-19 Vaccination - Residents

**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)).



## POC Test Result Reporting



## Resident/Staff/Visitor

[Find Resident/Staff/Visitor...](#)

Type of

Individual Resident ▼

Tested \*

Resident

ID \*

First

Name \*

Gender \*

Ethnicity \*

Middle

Name:

Date of

Birth \*

Race \*

 American Indian/Alaska Native Asian Black or African American Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander White Declined to respond Unknown

## POC Test Results

[Add Test Result...](#)

CLIA Identification #: 12D1114788

Page 0 of 0

No records to view

Test Date ▼

Test Ordered

[Any Positive Test Results?](#)

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No records to view

[I'm done. Start a New POC Test Result Report ->](#)[Upload CSV...](#)





## NHSN - National Healthcare Safety Network

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### POC Test Result Reporting



#### Resident/Staff/Visitor

Find Resident/Staff/Visitor...

Type of Individual Tested \*:  
 Resident  
 Staff/Volunteer/Contractor  
 Contractor

Dashboard  
 Pathway Data Reporting  
 POC Test Result Reporting  
 COVID-19 Vaccination - HCW  
 COVID-19 Vaccination - Residents

Middle Name:

Date of Birth \*:  2

Race \*:  
 American Indian/Alaska Native  
 Asian  
 Black or African American  
 Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander  
 White  
 Declined to respond  
 Unknown

Home Address of Staff/Volunteer/Contractor

Country \*:  US - United States

Address, line 1 \*:

Address, line 2:

City \*:

State/Province \*:

County \*:

Zip Code \*:  -

Contact Phone \*:  Ext:

Save Staff/Volunteer/Contractor Demographics



#### POC Test Results

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CLIA Identification #: 12D1114788

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## POC Test Result Reporting



### Resident/Staff/Visitor

Find Resident/Staff/Visitor...

Type of Individual Tested: Staff/Volunteer/Contractor

Staff ID #:

First Name #:  Middle Name:  Last Name #:

Gender #:  Date of Birth #:

Ethnicity #:  Race: \*

- American Indian/Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
- White
- Declined to respond
- Unknown

Home Address of Staff/Volunteer/Contractor

Country #: US - United States

Address, line 1 #:

Address, line 2:

City #:

State/Province #:

County #:

Zip Code #:  -

Contact Phone #:  Ext:

Performed by someone with Administration Rights.



### POC Test Results

Add Test Result...

CLIA Identification #:

Test Date:

Please update or add your facility's CLIA number in NHSN's facility screen. From the main menu, choose Facility->Facility Info. Enter the ID in the CLIA Identification # field.

of 0 of 10

No records to view

Any Positive Test Results?

No records to view

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


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### POC Test Result

Test Date \*:  

Device Name \*:  

[Choose Default...](#)

Test Ordered \*:  


Specimen Source \*:  

Test Result(s):


Test Result


\*

Specimen Number \*:

Ordering Physician \*:  

[Physicians...](#)

Was person symptomatic?  

Was person pregnant?  

[Save](#)

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Physicians



### Physicians

Default Name

- [STEPHEN WILLIS](#)
- [DR WHO](#)
- [BOB WHITE](#)
- [WILLIAM TURNER](#)
- [BILL SMITH](#)
- [KRISTINE PHILLIPS](#)
- [STACY JONES](#)



POC

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POC Test Res

### Add Physician



### Add Physician

First Name \*:

Last Name \*:

Work Phone: 567-385-9473 Ext:

Address, line 1: 2344 Medical Way st

Address, line 2:

City: Atlanta

State: GA - Georgia

Zip Code \*: 30322 Ext:

Comment:

Save Cancel

Add Physician...

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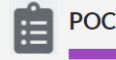
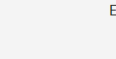
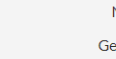
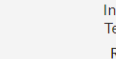
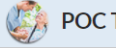
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CLIA Identification #: 12D1114788

## POC Test Result

Test Date \*:

Device Name \*: **BD Veritor System for Rapid Detection of SARS-CoV-2\_Becton, Dickinson and Company (BD)\_EUA** Choose Default...

Test Ordered \*: **Default POC Devices -----**

Specimen Source \*: ADEXUSDx COVID-19 Test\_NowDiagnostics, Inc.

Test Result(s): ADVAITE RapCov Rapid COVID-19 Test

Specimen Number \*: **Other POC Devices -----**

Ordering Physician \*: Accula SARS-Cov-2 Test\_Mesa Biotech Inc,\_EUA

Was person symptomatic? \*: Assure SARS-CoV-2 IgG

Was person pregnant? \*: Assure SARS-CoV-2 IgM

**BD Veritor System for Rapid Detection of SARS-CoV-2\_Becton, Dickinson and Company (BD)\_EUA**

BinaxNOW COVID-19 Ag 2 Card\_Abbott Diagnostics Scarborough, Inc.

BinaxNOW COVID-19 Ag Card 2 Home Test\_Abbott Diagnostics Scarborough, Inc.

BinaxNOW COVID-19 Ag Card\_Abbott Diagnostics Scarborough, Inc.,\_EUA

BinaxNOW COVID-19 Ag Self Test\_Abbott Diagnostics Scarborough, Inc.

BioFire Respiratory Panel 2.1 EZ\_BioFire Diagnostics, LLC

Test Result  \*

Save Cancel

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## What happens if the device my facility is using is not listed?

- Check with your state health department about alternative methods to report the data
- NHSN is continuously updating the list of test devices for which test results can be reported
- Notify NHSN with the name of the device at [NHSN@cdc.gov](mailto:NHSN@cdc.gov)

# Comma-separated Value (CSV) Upload

Use for section headers



## What Data can be Uploaded Via CSV?

- POC test results, including the accompanying demographic data
- Demographic data only, for pre-loading purposes
  - May be useful if your facility has this information in an electronic format and you are moving to reporting data to NHSN, and will be doing so manually



# What Instruction is Available?

- Step by step instructions with screen shots in the FAQ document at <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/COVID19/lctf-poc-faq-508.pdf>
- Training video @ <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/lct/covid19/index.html>

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- [Slideset](#) [PDF - 3 MB]
- New!** [COVID-19 Resident Impact and Facility Capacity \(RIFC\) Pathway Updates](#) [PDF - 2 MB] - September 2021
- New!** [LTCF COVID-19 Module Modifications - July Release](#) [PDF - 2 MB] - July, 2021
- New!** [COVID-19 Resident Therapeutics Reporting Pathway](#) [PDF - 3 MB] - June, 2021
- New!** [How to Upload a CSV File for Point of Care Testing Results \[Video - 41 min\]](#) - April, 2021
- New!** [Point of Care Test Reporting Tool Recently Asked Questions and Common Mistakes \[Video - 46 min\]](#) - April, 2021

Archived Trainings

- COVID-19 Resident Impact and Facility Capacity Reporting Pathway - February, 2021

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# Analytics

Use for section headers



# Analysis

- Three current line list options
  - Resident testing
  - Staff/Volunteer/Contractor testing
  - Visitor testing
- Run and Modify options
- Sortable — default is sort by test result
- Additional analysis options to be added as needs identified
- Always remember to generate datasets before running analysis to ensure that all entered data is included.



## Generate Data Sets (Long Term Care Facility)

### Reporting Data Sets



Datasets will be generated to include all data from enrollment

**Generate Reporting  
Data Sets**

**Last Generated:**  
March 26, 2021 12:58 PM  
to include all data

#### Warning

The current data sets will be updated. Are you sure you want to continue?

OK

Cancel

# Fictional Example of Staff Line List

## National Healthcare Safety Network Line Listing - LTC Staff COVID-19 Testing

As of: December 3, 2021 at 10:13 AM  
Date Range: All LTC\_COVID19\_POCTEST\_STAFF

Facility Org ID	Staff ID Number	Specimen ID	Physician Last Name	POC Device	Test Ordered	Test Performed	Specimen Type	Test Result	Result Date	Was person symptomatic?
39455	1	33088	SMITH	BINAXNOW	COVID19	COVID19	NASALSW	POS	30OCT2020:00:00:00	N
39455	1	30657	WHO	BINAXNOW	COVID19	COVID19	NASALSW	NEG	30OCT2020:00:00:00	N
39455	1	23	WHO	SOFIA	COV1COV2	COV1COV2	NASOPHARSW	NEG	02NOV2020:00:00:00	Y
39455	1111	123	JONES	VERITOR	COVID19	COVID19	NASALSW	POS	05NOV2020:00:00:00	N
39455	120	11539225	SMITH	ACCULA	COV19N	COV19N	NASALSW	NEG	03MAY2021:00:00:00	N
39455	121	11539522	SMITH	ACCULA	COV19N	COV19N	NASALSW	NEG	04MAY2021:00:00:00	N
39455	121	20091225	WILLIS	SOFIA	COV1COV2	COV1COV2	NASALSW	NEG	11SEP2021:00:00:00	N
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39455	34	7349674	SMITH	ASSUREIGM	ASSUREIGM	ASSUREIGM	CAPWB	NEG	01MAR2021:00:00:00	N
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39455	5750	1685665	PHILLIPS	BINAXNOW	COVID19	COVID19	NASALSW	POS	09DEC2020:00:00:00	N
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39455	6357	75753	SMITH	BINAXNOW	COVID19	COVID19	NASALSW	NEG	15MAR2021:00:00:00	N

# Frequently Asked Questions

[www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/covid19/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/covid19/index.html)



## LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY (LTCF) COVID-19 Point of Care (POC) Test Result Reporting Tool Frequently Asked Questions

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- [Group Access to POC Data](#)

# Why am I not seeing the option to report Point of Care (POC) test results for staff?

- In recognition of sensitivity of test information:
  - Only NHSN Facility Administrator (FacAd) will automatically be granted rights to STAFF POC data.
  - FacAd will need to grant rights to other NHSN Users as needed to perform necessary reporting.

Let's look at how one grants NHSN rights to an NHSN User



## NHSN - National Healthcare Safety Network (ltcf9411-25-dz6gj:443)

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- Enter search criteria and click Find

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User ID:

First Name:

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Mandatory fields marked with \*

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

Prefix:

First Name \*: Katrina

Middle Name:

Last Name \*: Jones

Title:

User Active: Y - Yes

User Type:

Phone Number \*: 111-111-1111

Fax Number:

E-mail Address \*: KJONES@CDC.GOV

Address, line 1:

Address, line 2:

Address, line 3:

City:

State:

County:


Zip Code:

Home Phone Number:

Beeper:


User Group/Facility: JOY LTCF (14506)

User Roles: Custom Role(LTCF)

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Note, all names and data are fictional.

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 **EDIT USER**

Mandatory fields marked with \*

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

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Prefix:

First Name \*:

Middle Name:

Last Name \*:

Title:

User Active:  ▼

User Type:  ▼

Phone Number \*:

Fax Number:

E-mail Address \*:

Address, line 1:

Address, line 2:

Address, line 3:

City:


State:  ▼

County:  ▼

Zip Code:

Home Phone Number:

Beeper:





## Edit User Rights

User ID: 2738 (ID 506335)

Fac: Angela LTCF Test Facility

Facility List:

Rights	Long Term Care	
Administrator	<input type="checkbox"/>	
All Rights	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Analyze Data	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Add, Edit, Delete	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
View Data	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Staff - Add, Edit, Delete	<input type="checkbox"/>	← Ensure you indicate facility preferences here
Staff - View	<input type="checkbox"/>	←
Customize Rights	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Advanced





Effective Rights

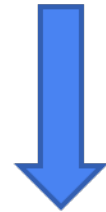
Save

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## My local health department called me about a positive test result in a resident, but there was no positive test result. What is wrong?

- Every POC test result recorded in NHSN  test result sent to AIMS. 
- If a test result is subsequently changed in NHSN  new test result sent to AIMS. 



Two test results  
sent one positive,  
one negative

# What do I do if the NHSN Facility Administrator for our facility has left and a replacement was not coordinated beforehand?

- [www.cdc.gov/nhsn/facadmin/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/facadmin/index.html)

## NHSN Facility Administrator Change Request Form

Form Approved  
OMB No. 0920-0666  
Exp. Date 12/31/22

### Important Reminders for NHSN Facility Administrator

- The NHSN Primary Facility Contact information must be updated in the NHSN application if the listed contact is no longer active at the facility.
- NHSN users who are no longer active at the facility must be deactivated in the NHSN application to avoid unauthorized access to the facility data.

Please allow up to 5 business days for the change request to be verified and completed.

NHSN Email: [NHSN@cdc.gov](mailto:NHSN@cdc.gov)

All fields are required, unless marked optional.

Facility Name

Facility Street Address

City, State and Zip

Date of Request

# Summary

Use for section headers

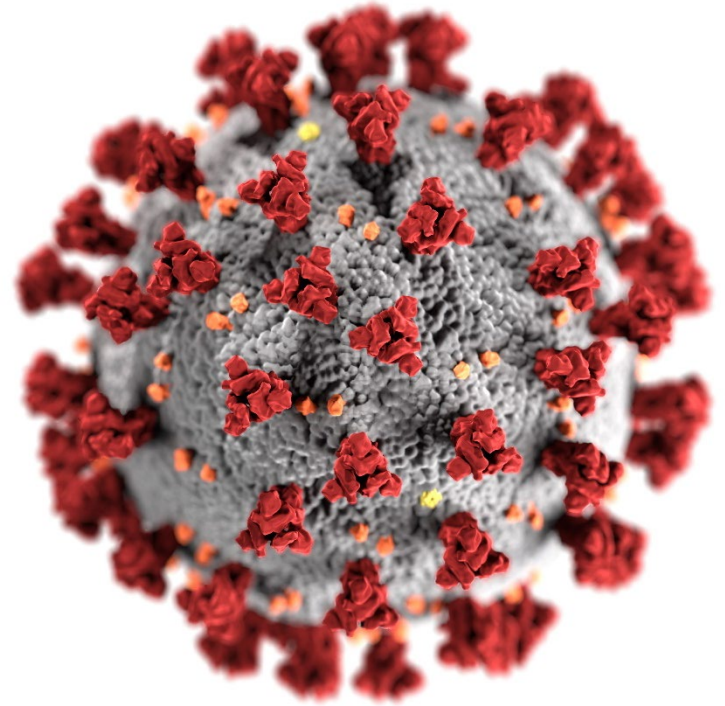


# Summary

- NHSN's Point of Care Test Reporting Tool for COVID-19 is the CDC and CMS preferred method for CMS-certified long-term care facilities to report POC test results.
- The tool enables facilities to report data which are then shared with state health departments (SHDs) and with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as well as CDC.
- Data entry into the system has been built to be minimally burdensome and enhancements to the initial tool have been made in response to user feedback
- The NHSN offers many resources for use of the tool, which can be located at <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/covid19/index.html>
- For questions about the system, please email: [NHSN@cdc.gov](mailto:NHSN@cdc.gov) and include in the subject line: POC Test Reporting Tool



**Send Questions to: [NHSN@cdc.gov](mailto:NHSN@cdc.gov)**



For more information, contact CDC  
1-800-CDC-INFO (232-4636)  
TTY: 1-888-232-6348 [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

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