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

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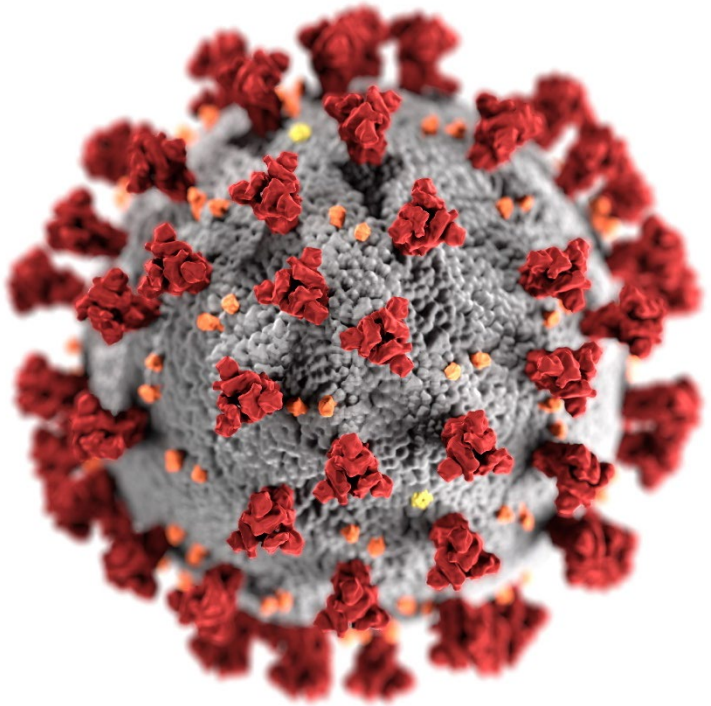

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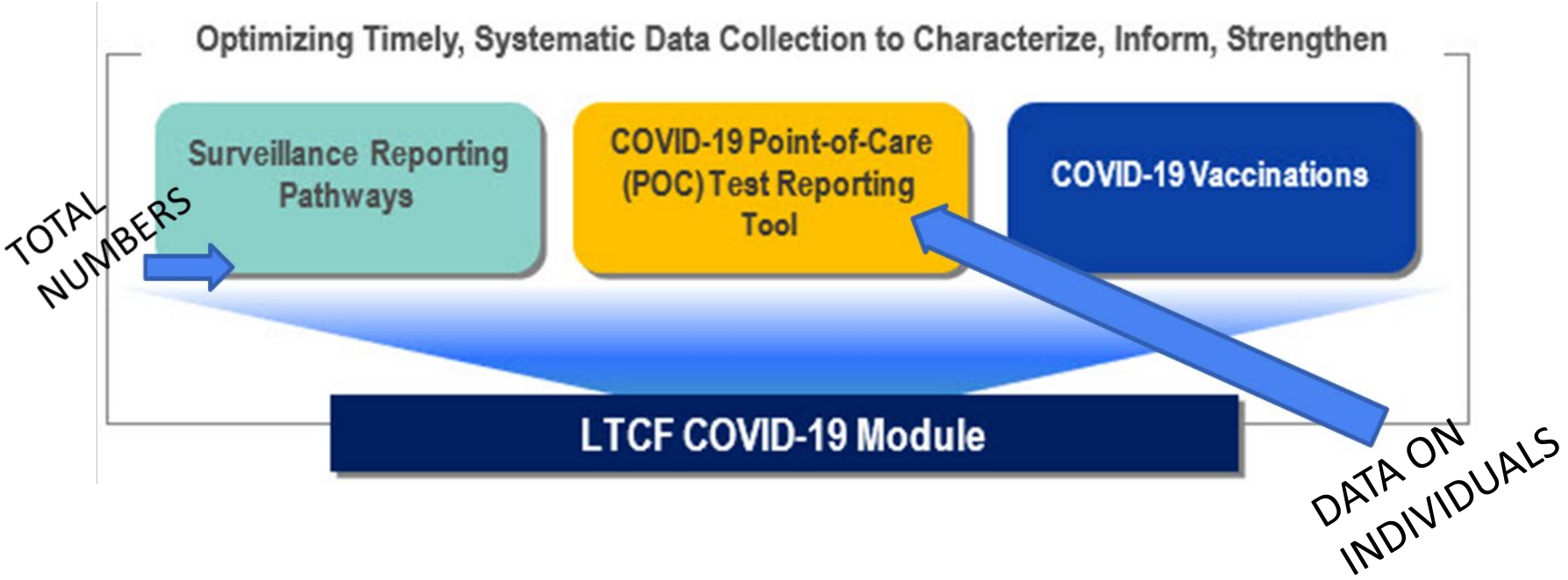
- Overview
  - Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act
  - Data sharing through the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) Data entry
- Analytics
- Frequently asked questions
- Demonstration
- Resources



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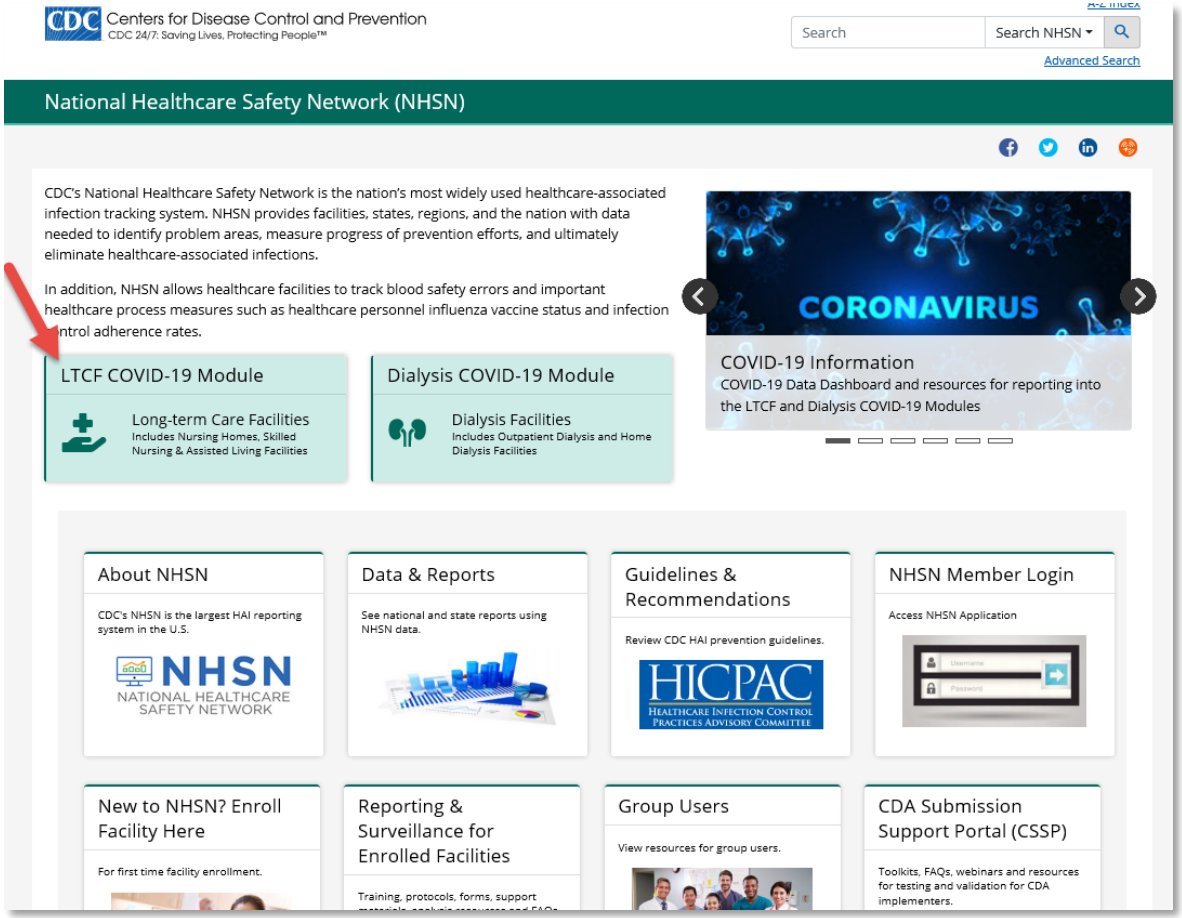

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Educational Resources

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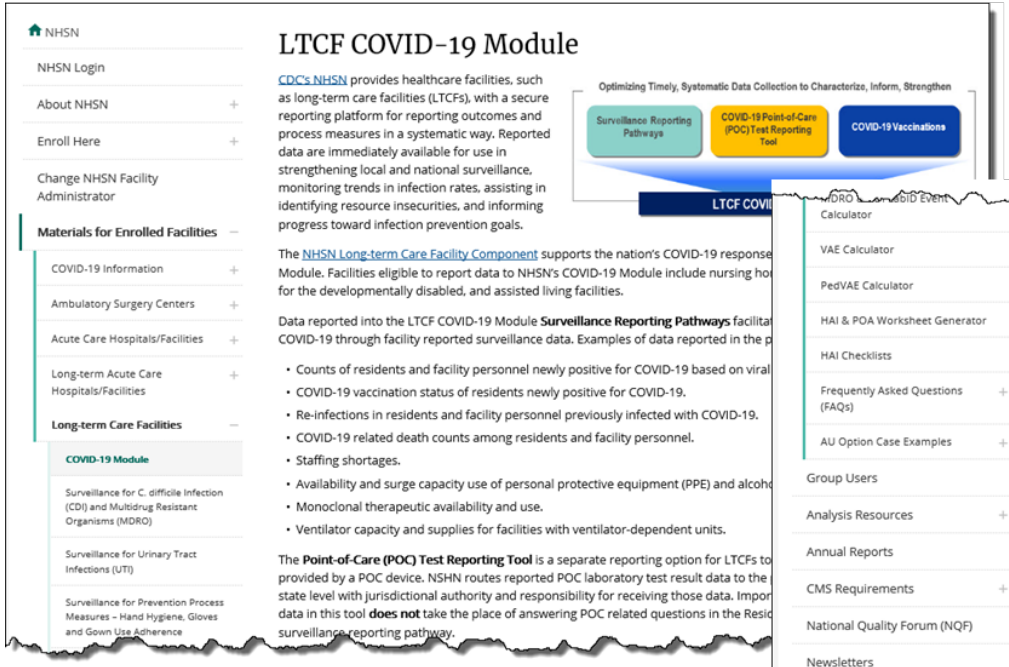
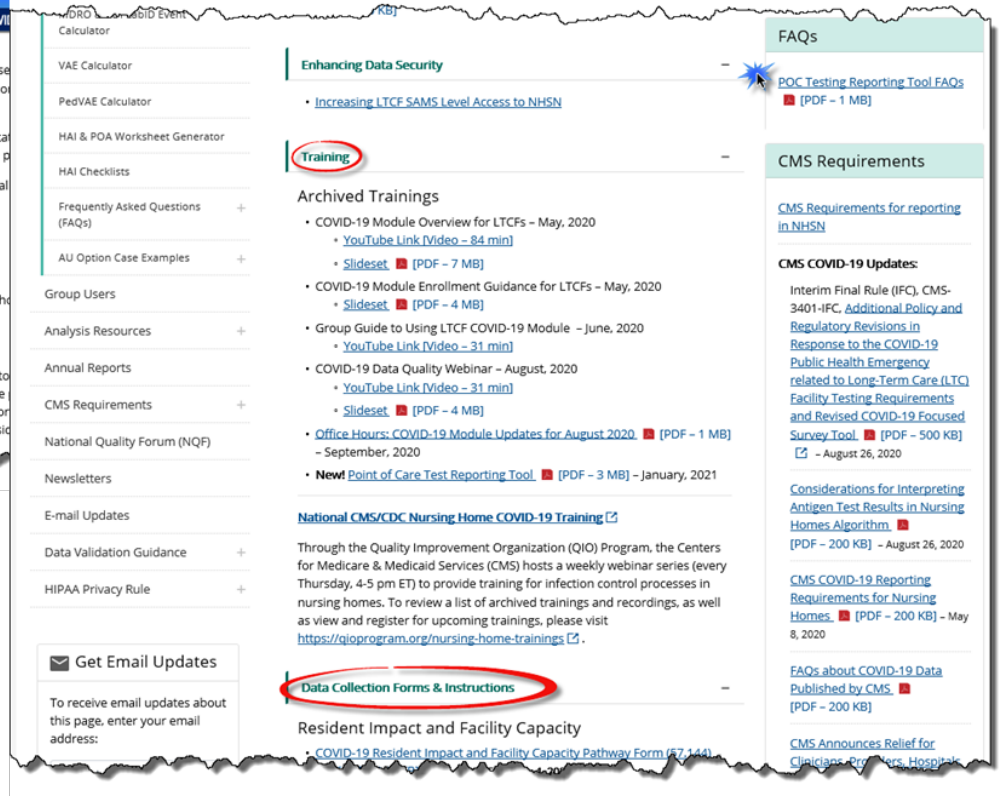




What is Point of Care Testing (POCT)?

- 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.”[1]
- 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

1 https://webapps.cap.org/apps/docs/education/OnlineCourseContent/2011/LAP/Resources/Checklists/POC.pdf

Overview

Impetus and Process

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

***Public Law 116-136,* § 18115(a)[1]**

- 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[2]

- "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.)

[1] https://www.congress.gov/116/plaws/publ136/PLAW-116publ136.pdf
[2]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.*

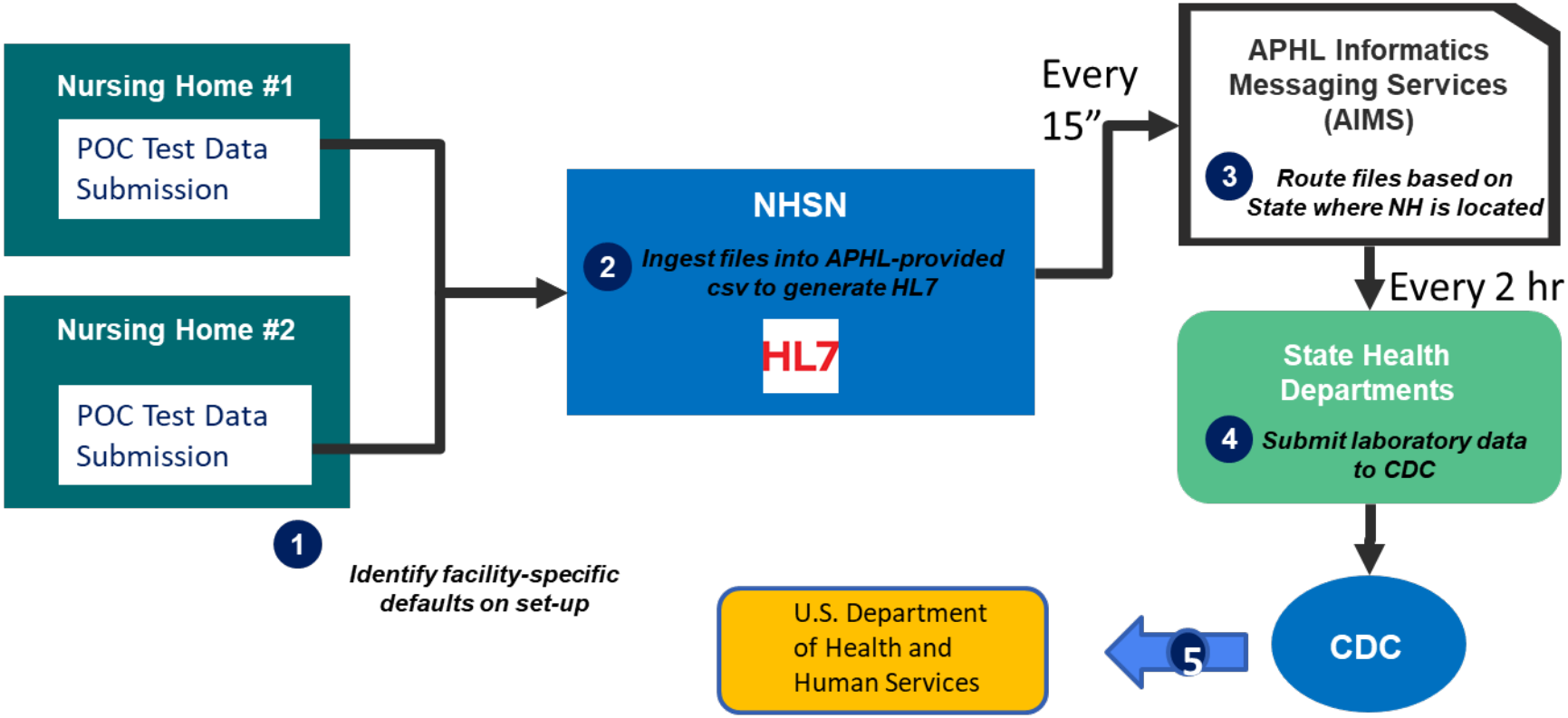
- https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/covid-19-laboratory-data-reporting-guidance.pdf

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



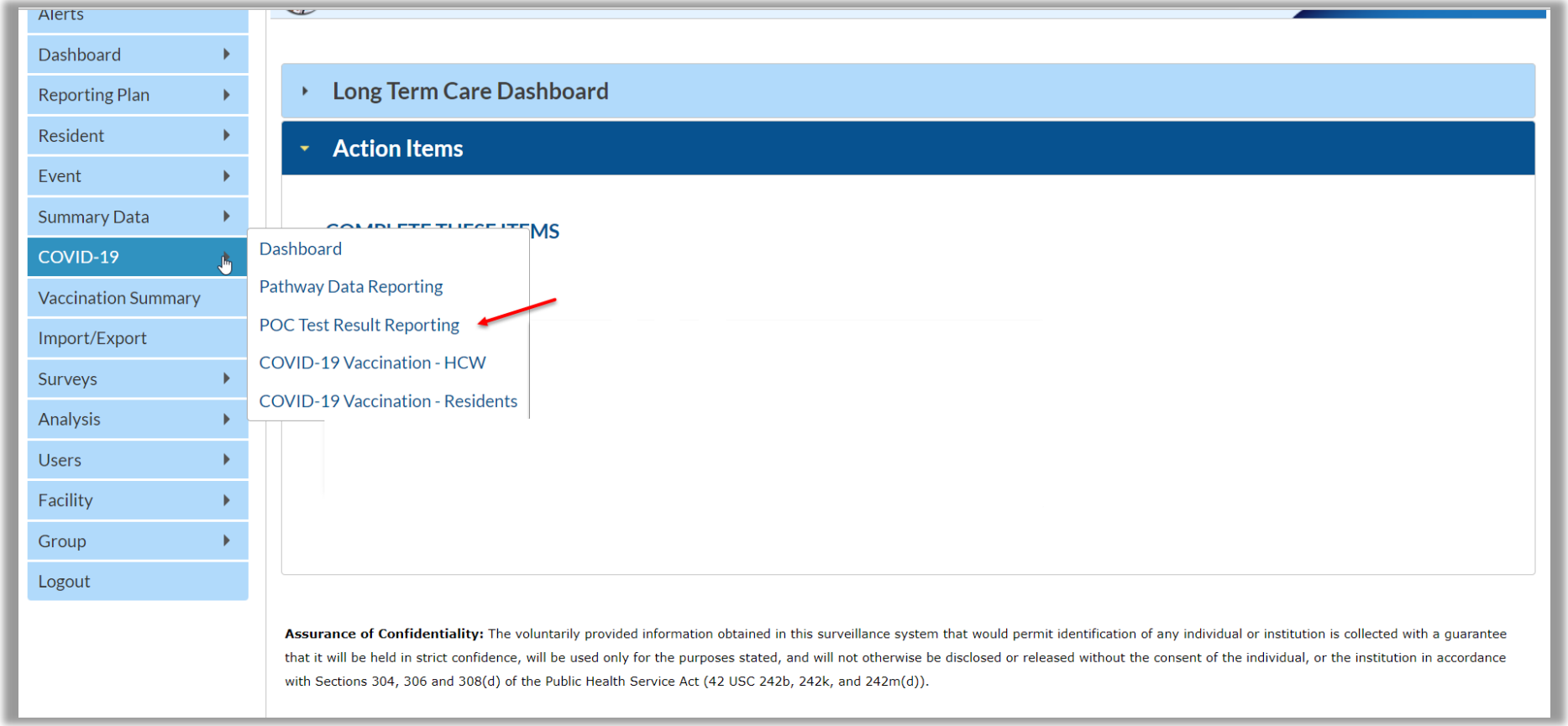
Manual Data Entry

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
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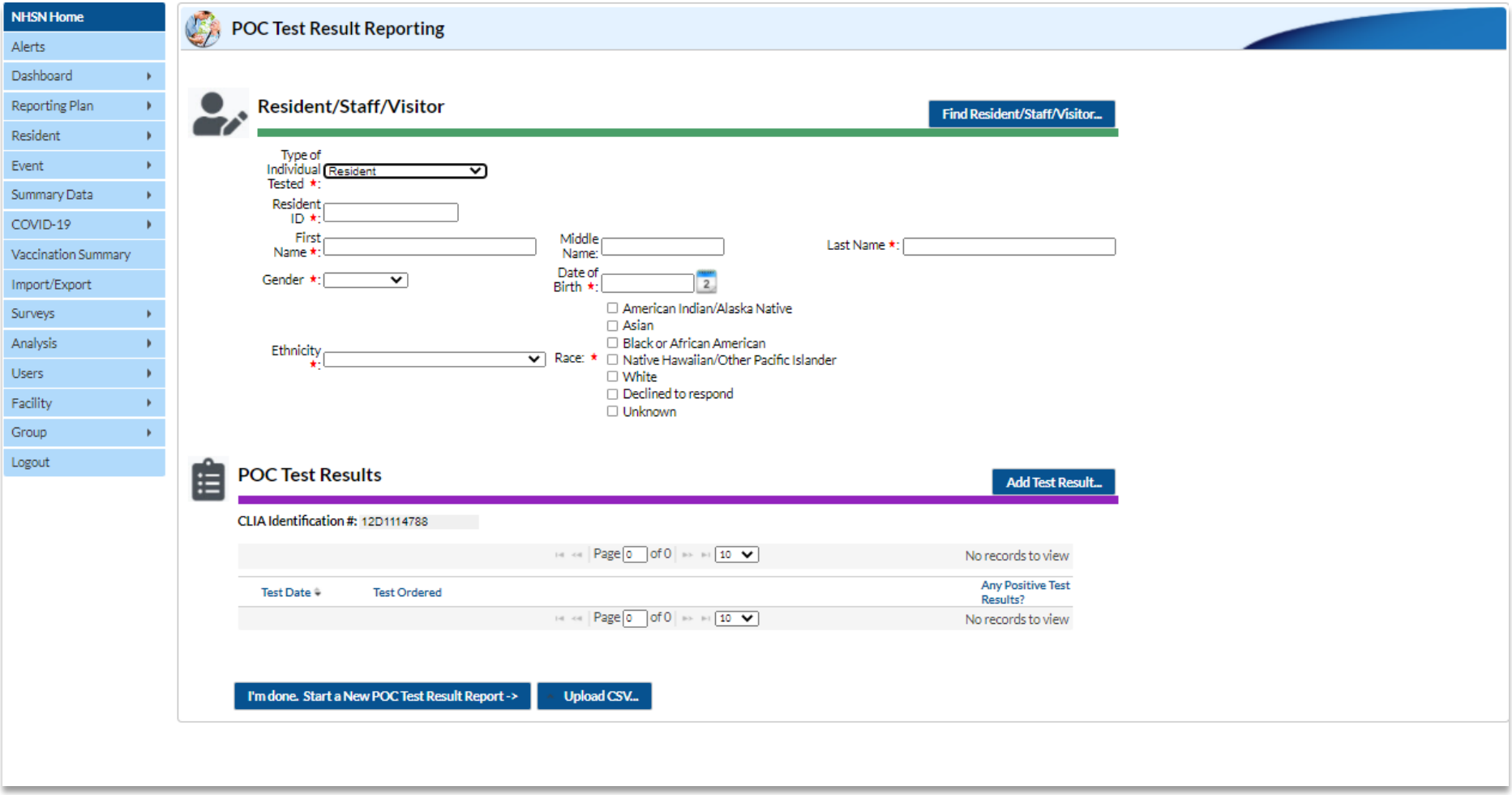
Assurance of Confidentiality: The voluntarily provided information obtained in this surveillance system that would permit identification of any individual or institution is collected with a guarantee that it will be held in strict confidence, will be used only for the purposes stated, and will not otherwise 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)).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Middle Name:
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Ethnicity *:
Race: *
American Indian/Alaska Native
Asian
Black or African American
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
White
Declined to respond
Unknown
POC Test Results
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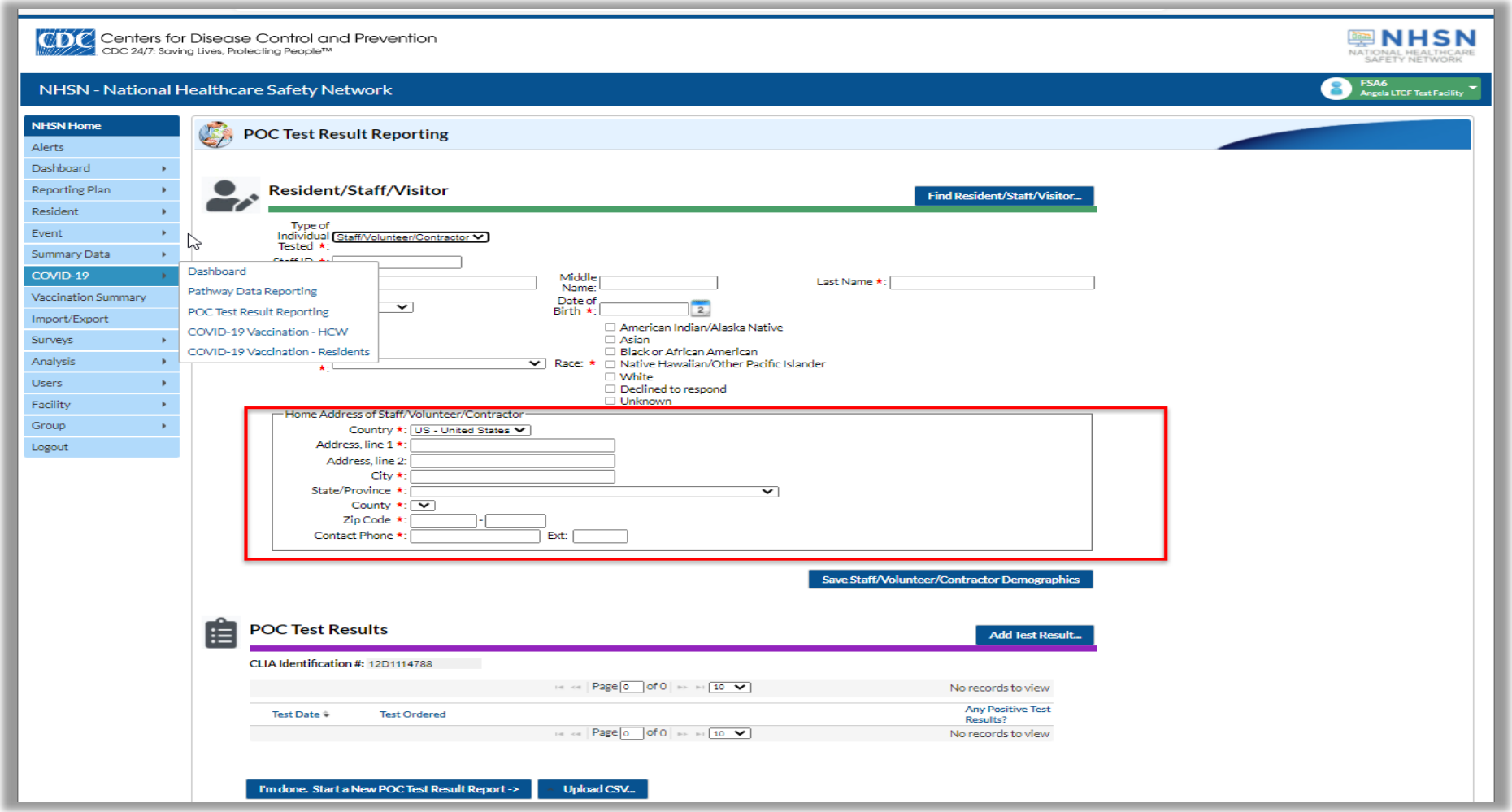
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Middle Name:
Last Name *:
Date of Birth *:
American Indian/Alaska Native
Asian
Black or African American
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
White
Declined to respond
Unknown
Race: *
Home Address of Staff/Volunteer/Contractor
Country *:
US - United States
Address, line 1 *:
Address, line 2:
City *:
State/Province *:
County *:
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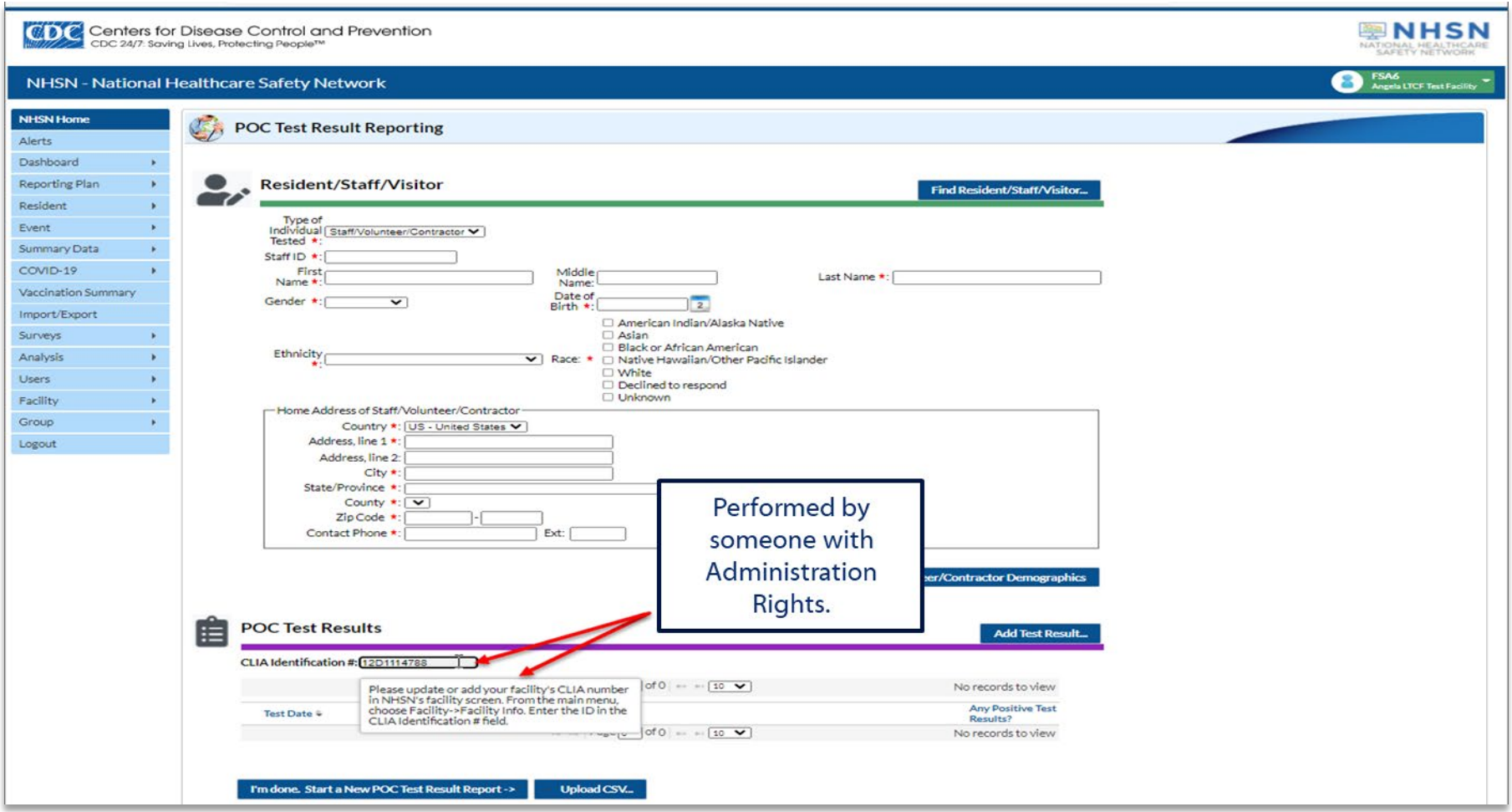
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Gender *:
Date of Birth *:
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Race: *
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Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
White
Declined to respond
Unknown
Home Address of Staff/Volunteer/Contractor
Country *:
US - United States
Address, line 1 *:
Address, line 2:
City *:
State/Province *:
County *:
Zip Code *:
Contact Phone *:
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Performed by someone with Administration Rights.
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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.
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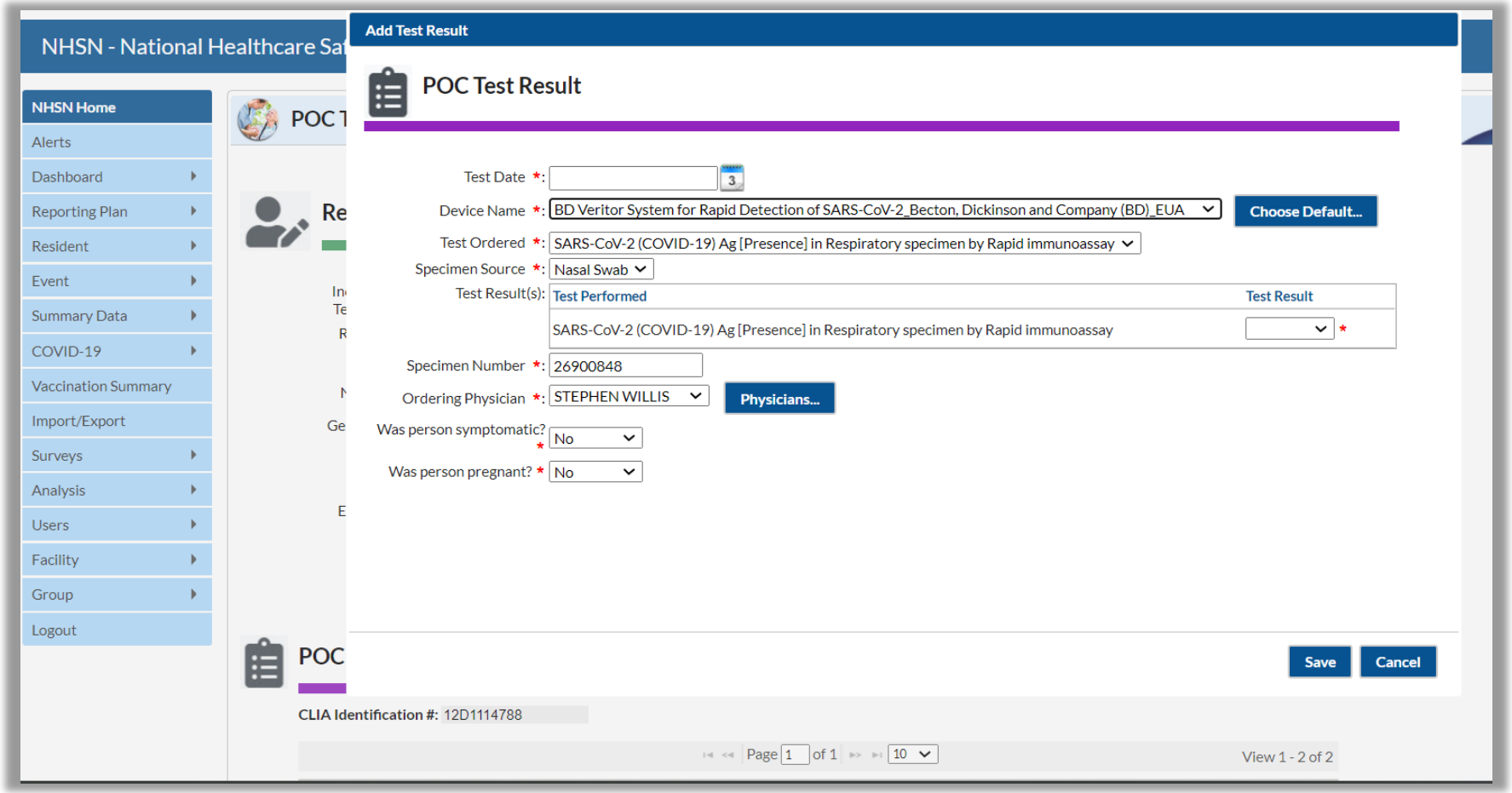
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POC Test Result
Test Date *:
Device Name *:
BD Veritor System for Rapid Detection of SARS-CoV-2_Becton, Dickinson and Company (BD)_EUA
Choose Default...
Test Ordered *:
SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) Ag [Presence] in Respiratory specimen by Rapid immunoassay
Specimen Source *:
Nasal Swab
Test Result(s):
Test Performed
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Specimen Number *:
26900848
Ordering Physician *:
STEPHEN WILLIS
Physicians...
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No
Was person pregnant? *
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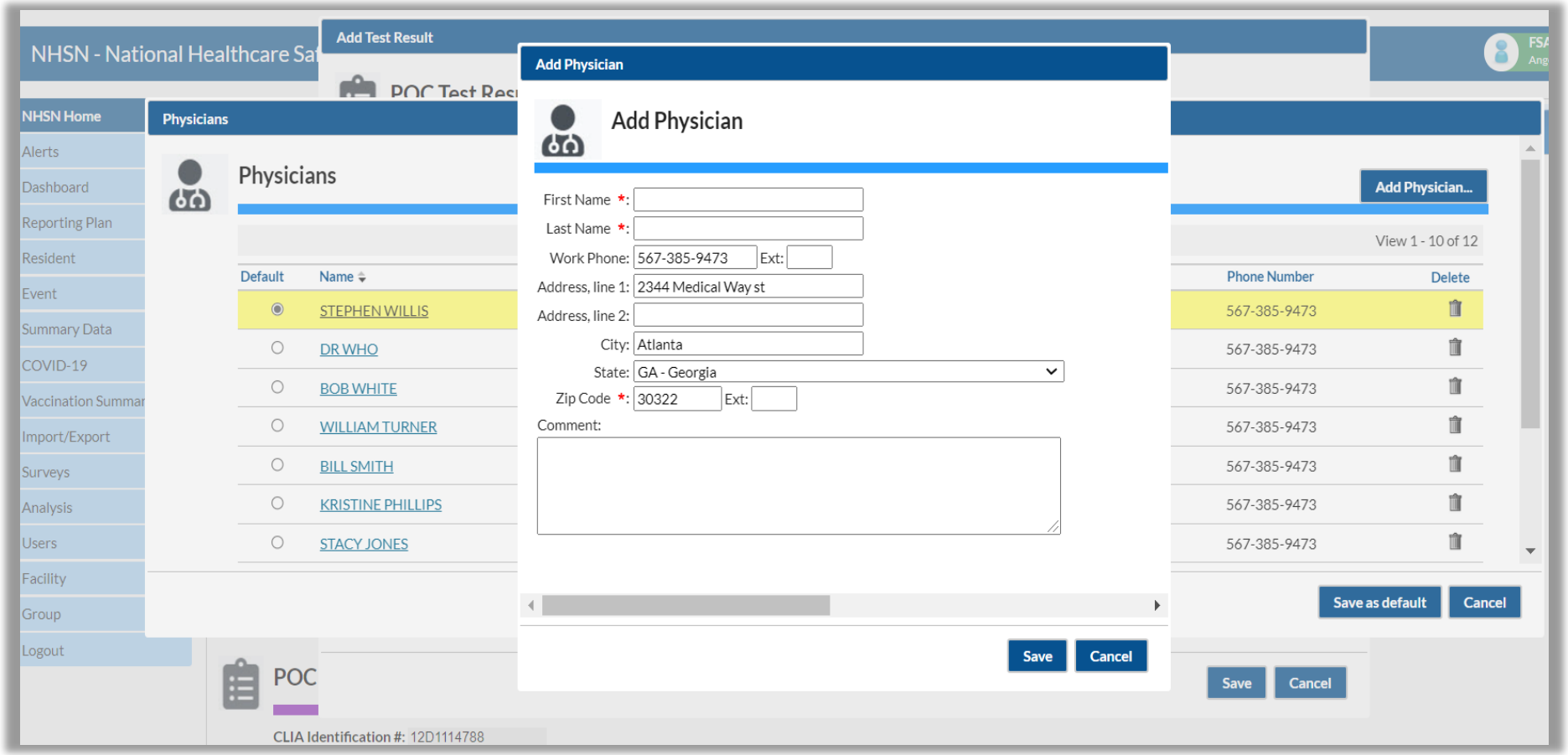
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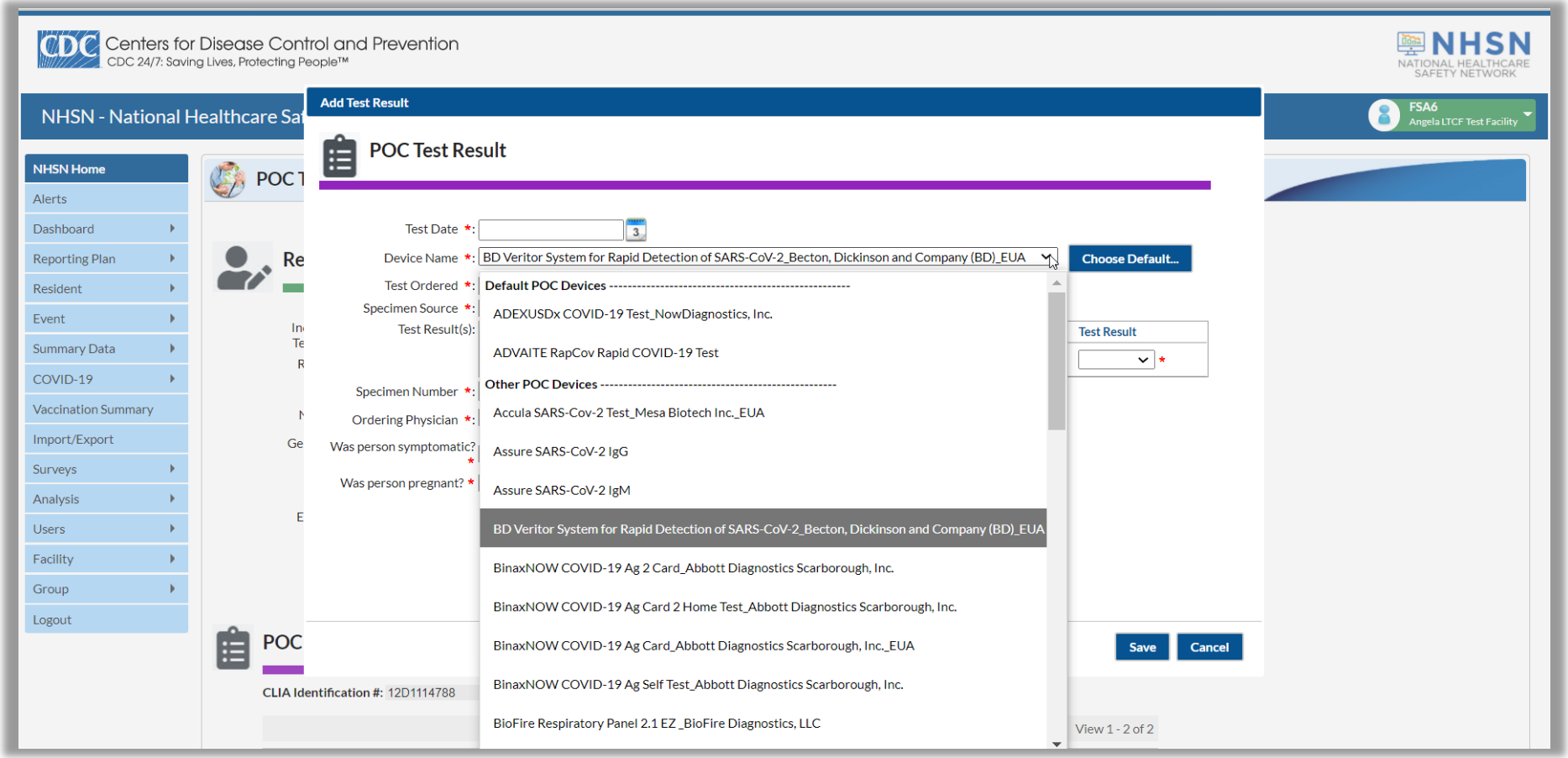
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Was person pregnant? *
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ADVAITE RapCov Rapid COVID-19 Test
Other POC Devices ----------
Accula SARS-Cov-2 Test_Mesa Biotech Inc._EUA
Assure SARS-CoV-2 IgG
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What 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

Comma-separated Value (CSV) Upload

Use for section headers

What Data can be Uploaded Via CSV?

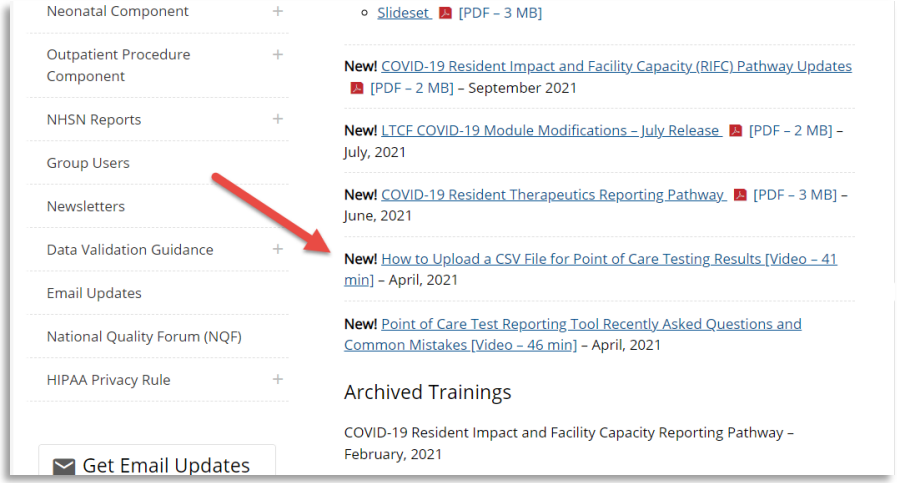
- POC test results, including the accompanying demographic data

- 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/ltcf-poc-faq-508.pdf

- Training video @ https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/covid19/index.html



Analytics

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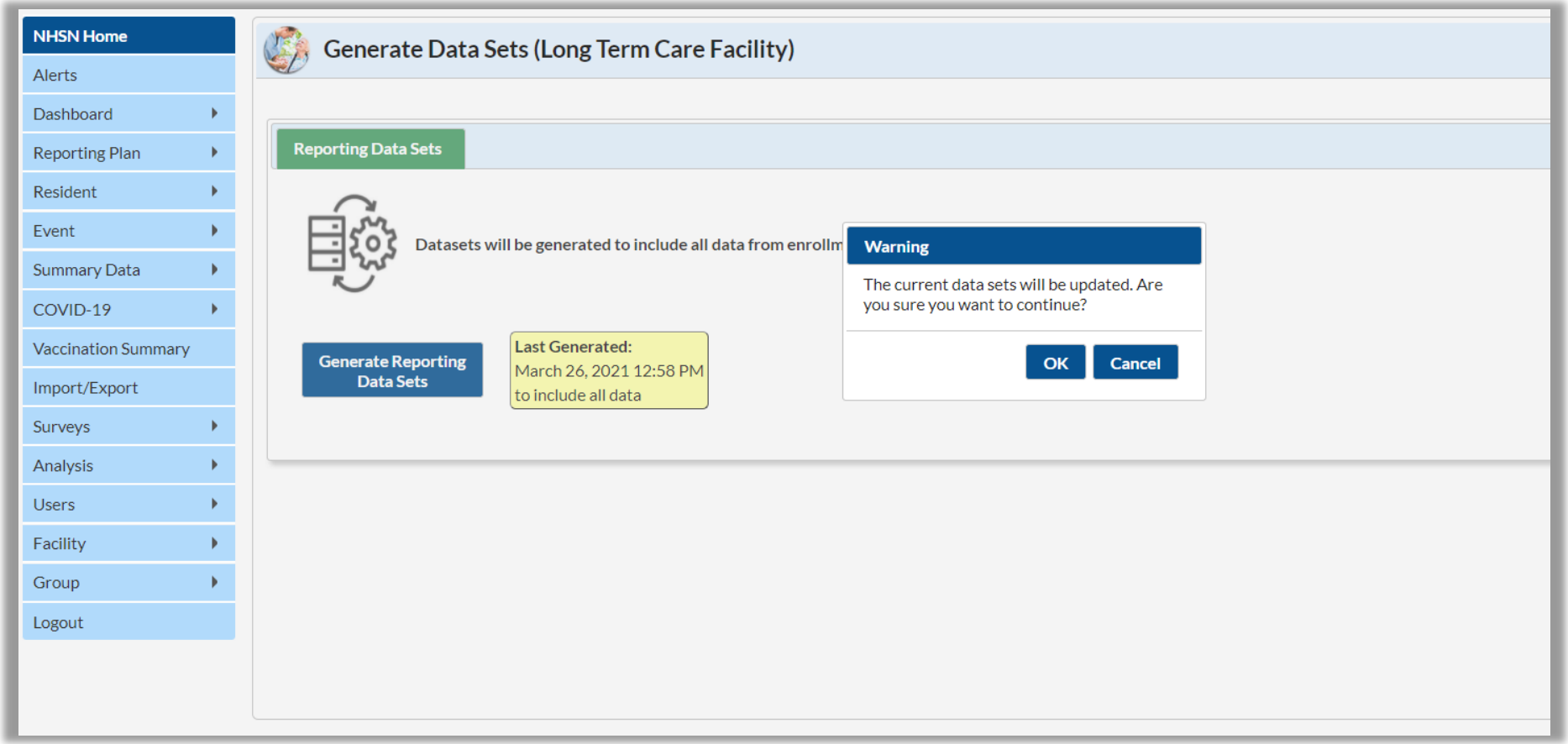
Analysis

- 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.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Reporting Data Sets
Datasets will be generated to include all data from enrollm
Generate Reporting Data Sets
Last Generated:
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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
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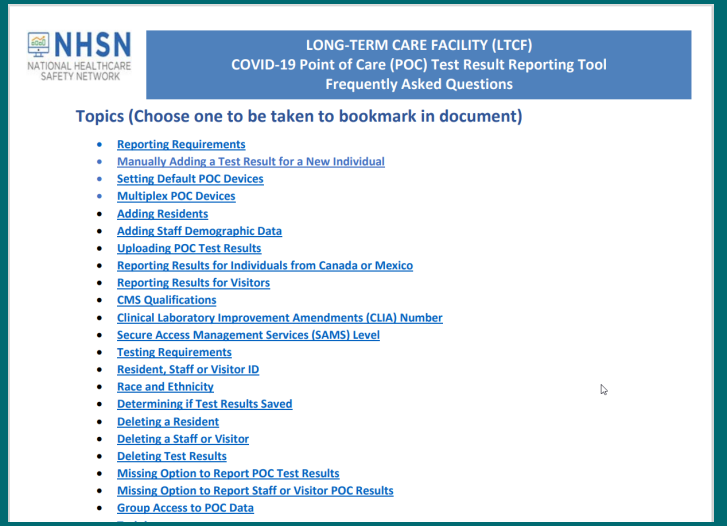

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LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY (LTCF)
COVID-19 Point of Care (POC) Test Result Reporting Tool
Frequently Asked Questions

Topics (Choose one to be taken to bookmark in document)

- Reporting Requirements
- Manually Adding a Test Result for a New Individual
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- Missing Option to Report Staff or Visitor POC Results
- Group Access to POC Data

Frequently Asked Questions

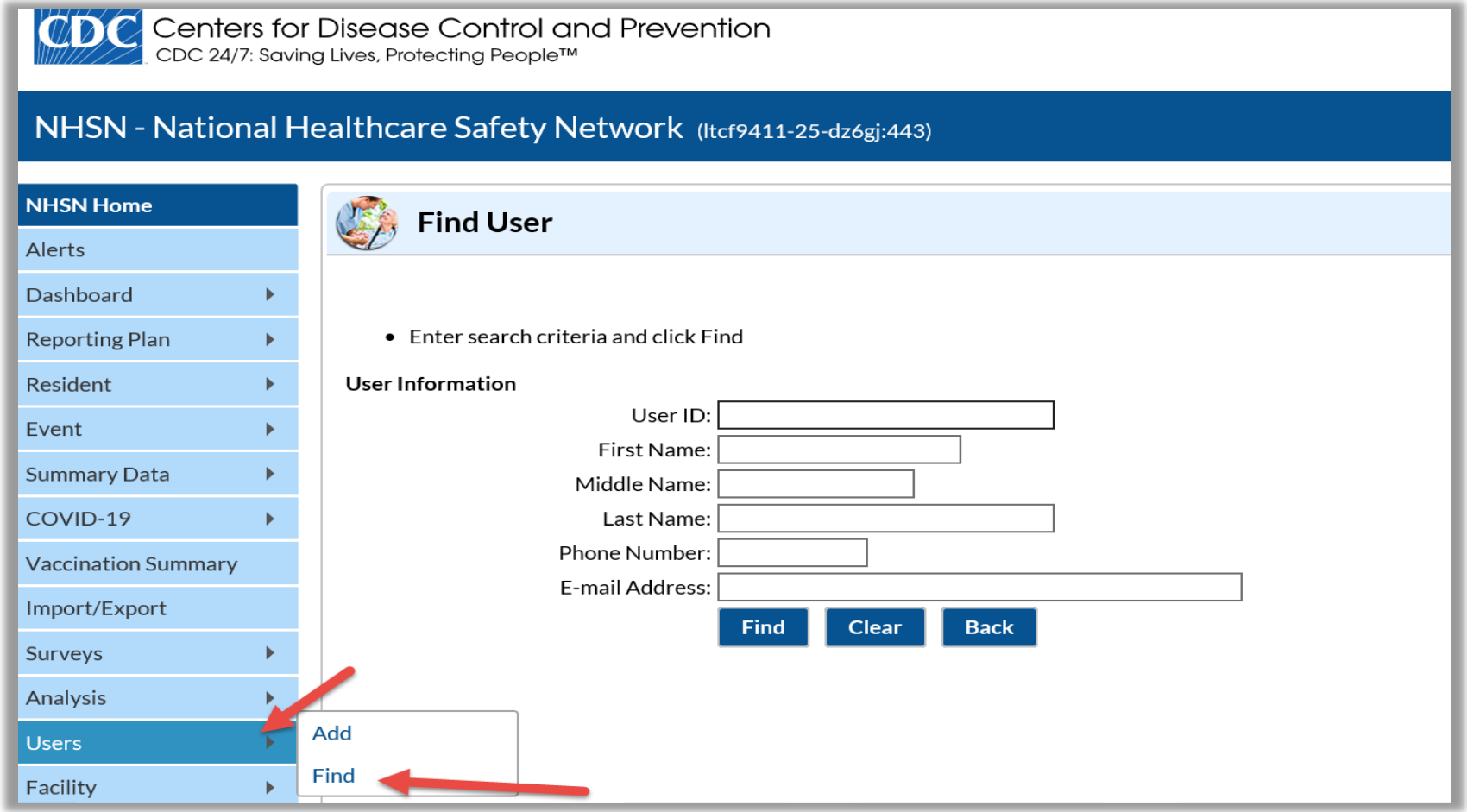
www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/covid19/index.html

CDC

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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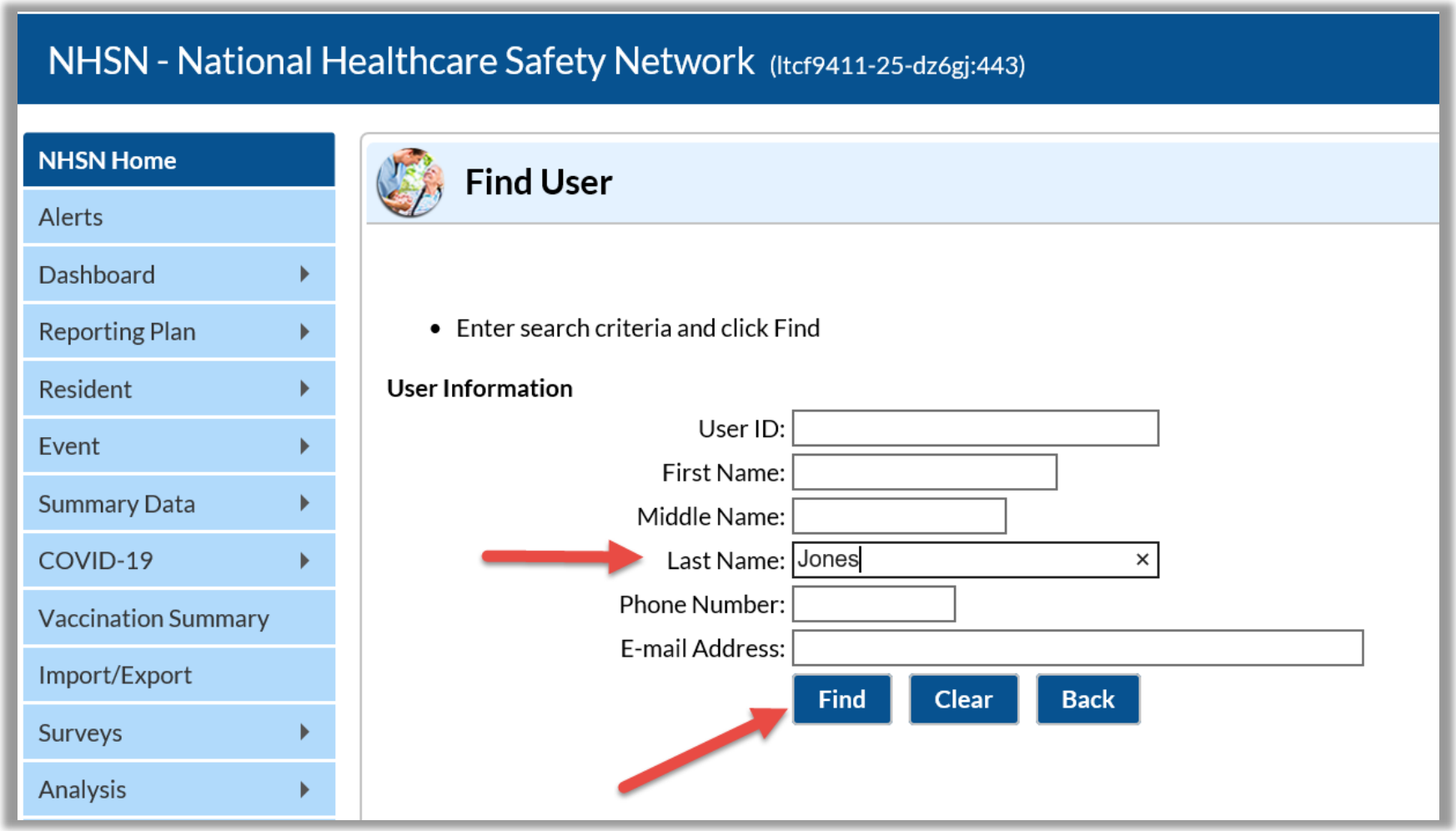
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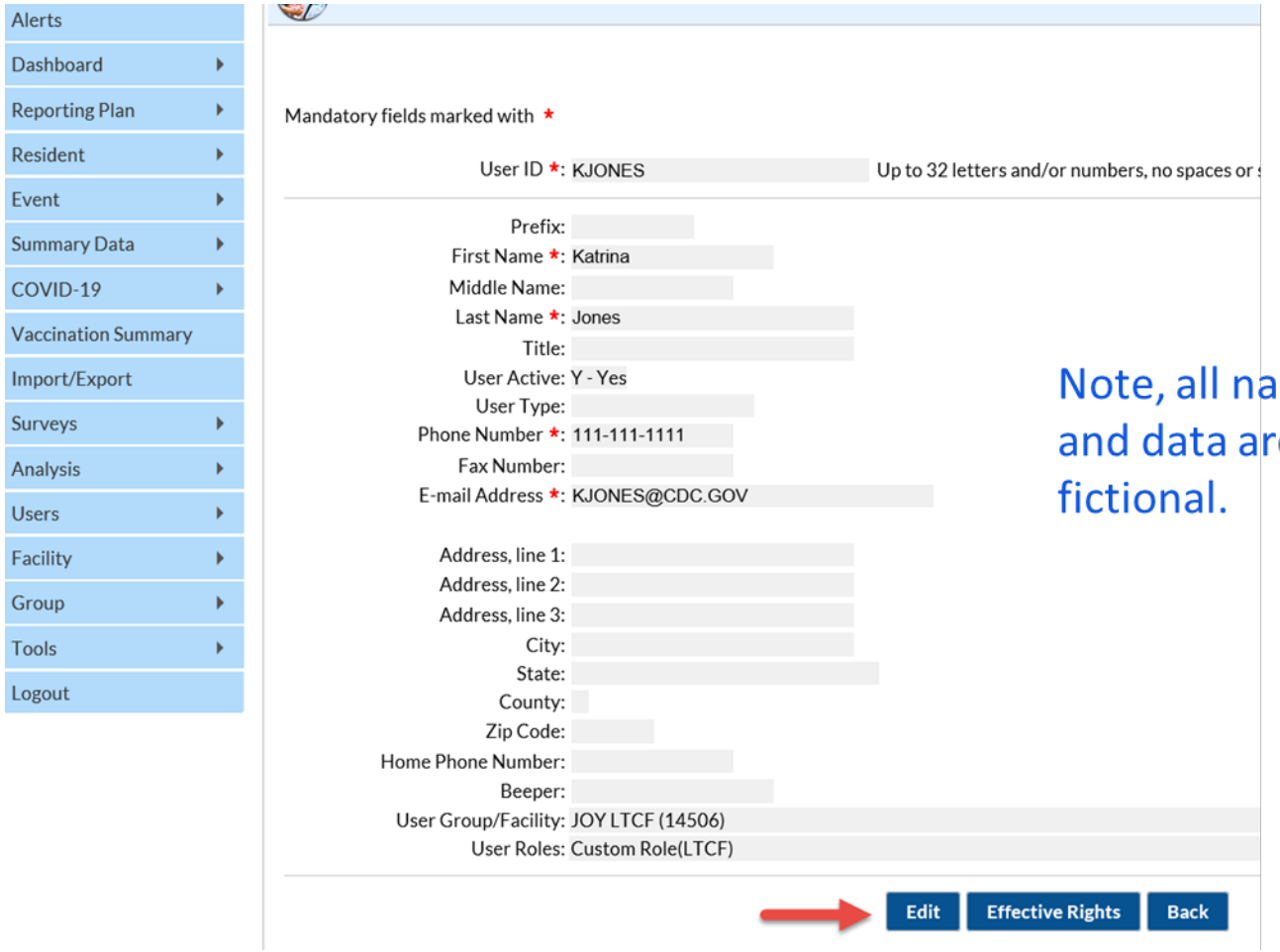

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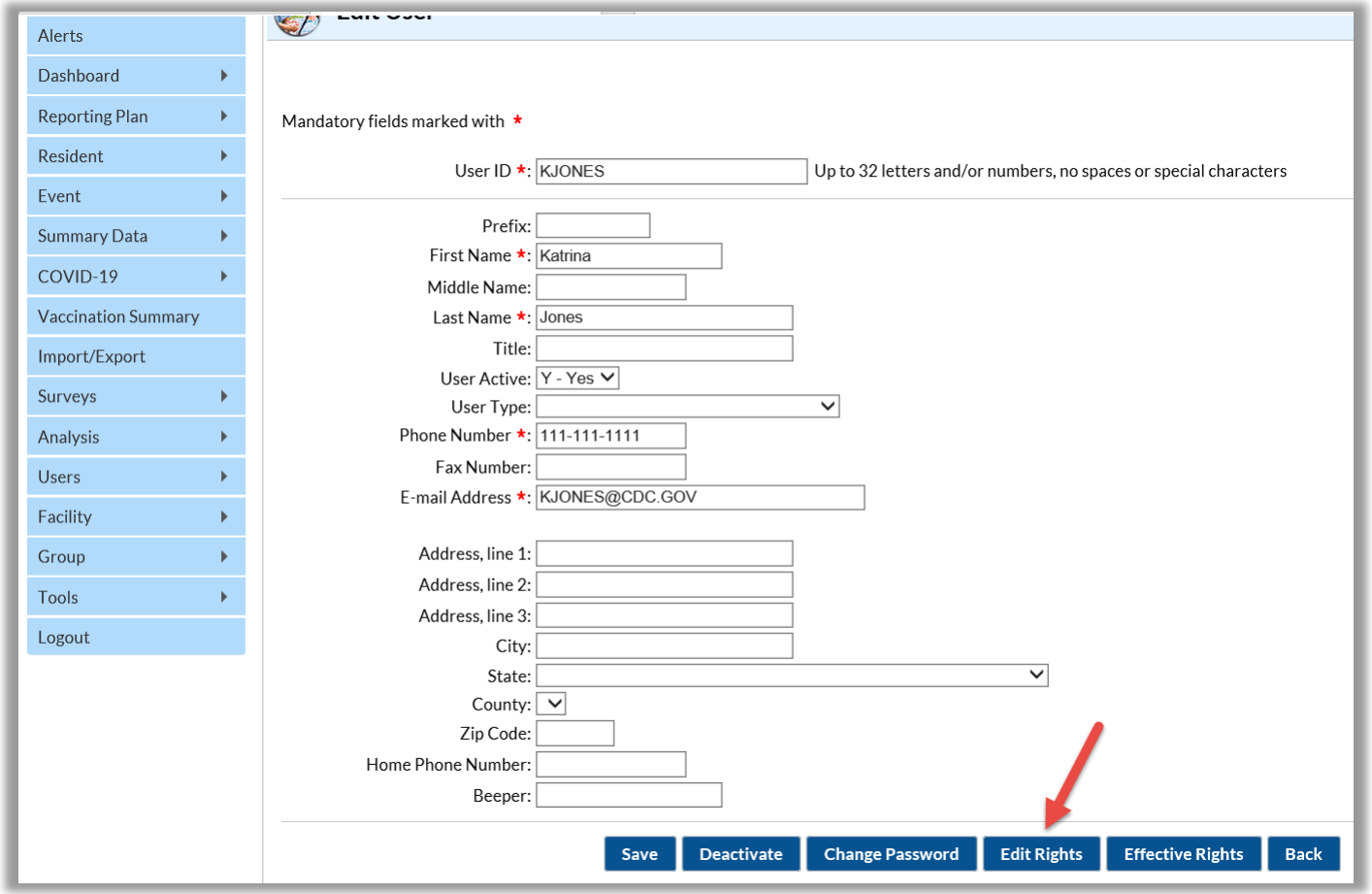
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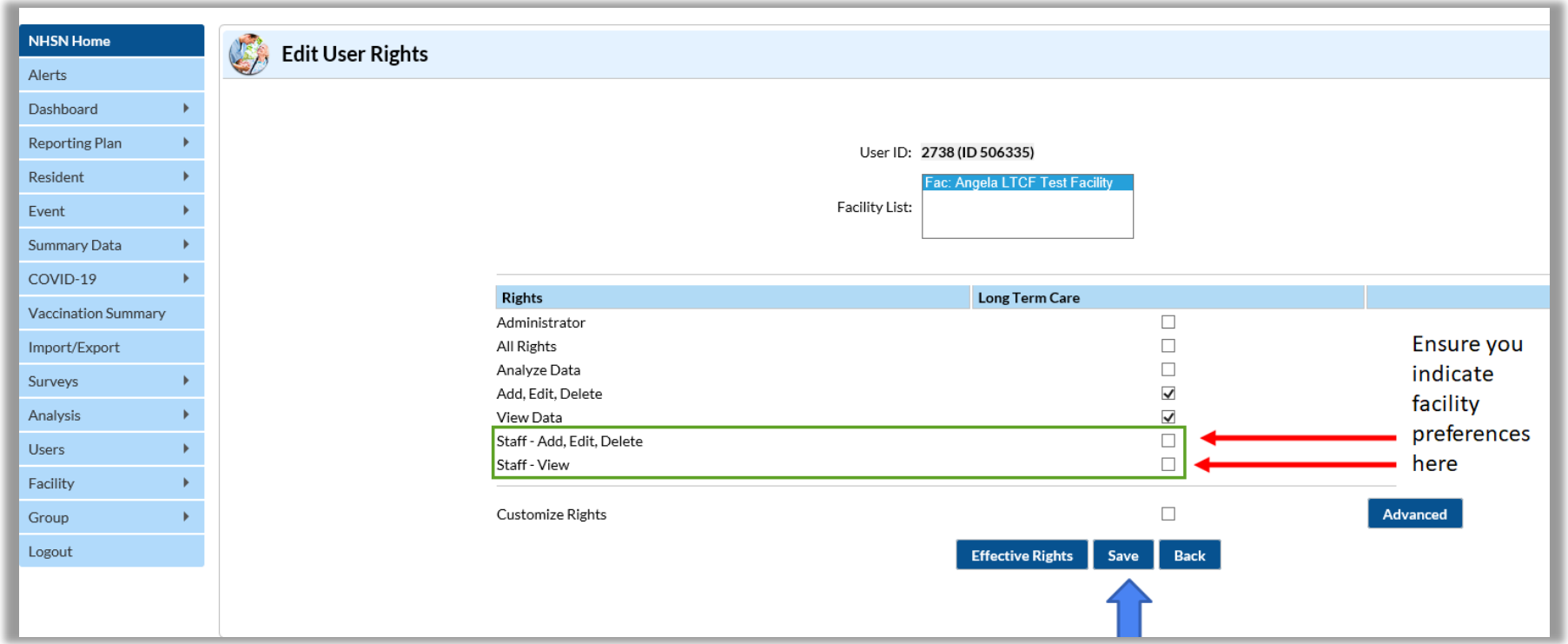
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Ensure you indicate facility preferences here

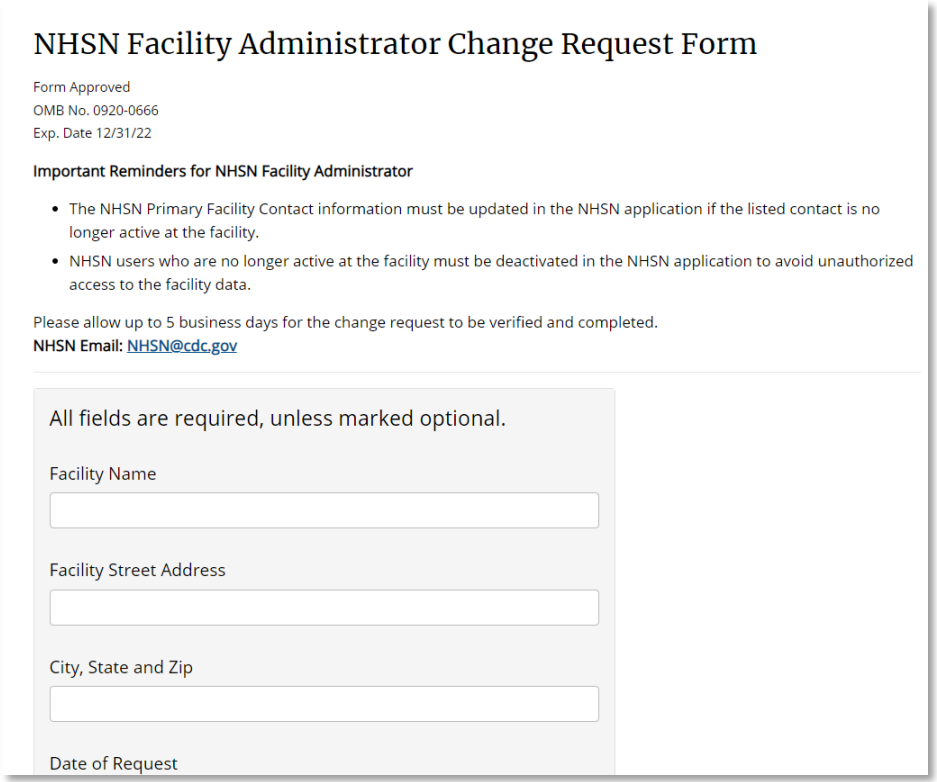
My local health department called me about a positive test result in a resident, but there was no positive test result. What is wrong?

- 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



NHSN Facility Administrator Change Request Form

Form Approved
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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

All fields are required, unless marked optional.

Facility Name

Facility Street Address

City, State and Zip

Date of Request

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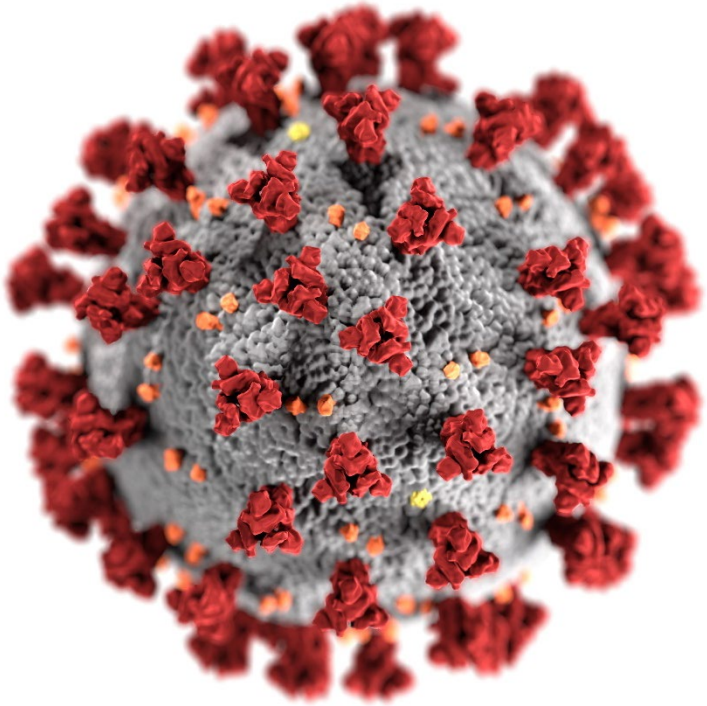
Summary

- 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 and include in the subject line: POC Test Reporting Tool

Send Questions to: NHSN@cdc.gov



For more information, contact CDC
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