COVID-19 Hospital Data

Preparation for Transition to NHSN

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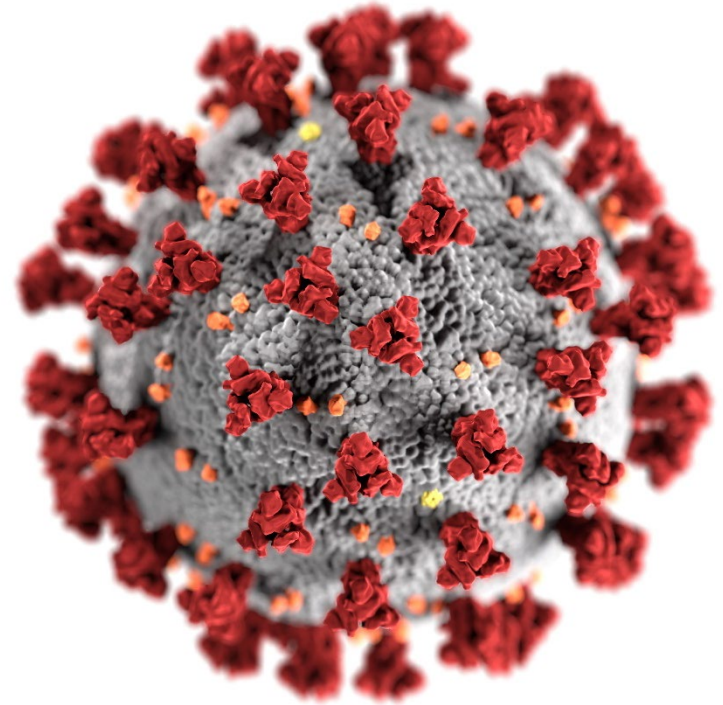
Welcome

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Information about today's webinar

- Presentation
- Q&A
  - Please submit all questions to the Q&A option in the Zoom taskbar
- Three replay webinars scheduled
  - Wednesday, August 24, 2022, @ 3-4pm ET
  - Tuesday, August 30, 2022, @ 1-2pm ET
  - Wednesday, August 31, 2022, @ 3-4pm ET

Agenda

- Purpose of today's webinar
- Important information related to reporting
- Timeline
- Steps for Transition Preparation – Facilities
- Steps for Transition Preparation – Larger Reporting Entities/Bulk Uploaders
- Q&A

Purpose of today's webinar

- On December 31, 2022, the TeleTracking contract will expire, and reporting will transition to NHSN

- Review of steps to prepare for the transition
    - Facility Enrollment
    - NHSN Access
    - NHSN OrgID Verification
    - NHSN Groups

- Transition preparation will be ongoing with additional webinars, standing meetings, and frequent webpage updates

Future webinars will cover reporting and data submission

- Data submission and reporting trainings will take place starting in September
  - COVID-19 Hospital Data Submission: Overview of webform and CSV Upload
    - Tuesday, September 13, 2022, @ 1-2pm ET
    - Tuesday, September 20, 2022, @ 1-2pm ET (**replay**)
  - COVID-19 Hospital Data Submission: Overview of Bulk Submission
    - Wednesday, September 14, 2022, @ 3-4pm ET
    - Wednesday, September 21, 2022, @ 3-4pm ET (**replay**)

Important Information

- Reminder that reporting activities will not change until mid-December 2022

    – Continue reporting as usual

- There will be **no impact or changes** to reporting for the LTCF, Dialysis, and Healthcare Personnel Vaccination COVID-19 modules in NHSN

Important Information (continued)

- There will be <u>no significant changes</u> to the reporting questions as result of this transition
- Process for reporting will remain the same
  - Hospitals will still be able to report individually
  - Hospital systems will still be able to report centrally at an enterprise level
  - Jurisdictions will still be able to report on behalf of their facilities
  - Third party vendors will still be able to report on behalf of facilities and/or jurisdictions
- Reporting capabilities for web interface, CSV upload, and API will remain the same
- Data will still be aggregated into HHS Protect
  - Historical data will still be fully available within HHS Protect

Timeline and Important Dates

- October 1, 2022 (recommended)
  - Obtain access/active user in NHSN
- Late October 2022 – mid-December 2022
  - Module available in NHSN for data submission testing
- Mid-December 2022
  - Reporting transition

About NHSN

- NHSN is a vendor-neutral, standards-based surveillance program

- NHSN collects and analyzes healthcare-associated infection data

- The system has more than 130,000 users (often in the infection control department) in more than 38,000 healthcare facilities nationwide

  - Hospitals, nursing homes, dialysis facilities, ambulatory surgical centers

- Since the start of COVID-19 CDC has received resources to modernize public health data collection

  - CDC is working to modernize and improve many of its public health surveillance systems, including NHSN

Transition Preparation

NHSN Access

Transition Preparation Key Questions – Facilities

- Is my facility enrolled in NHSN?
- How will my facility report?
  - Manual entry
  - CSV upload
  - Via larger organization (health system corporate office, state health department, or third-party vendor)
- Is there a current NHSN user to submit the hospital COVID-19 data?
- Is my NHSN OrgID entered correctly in the current reporting system?

NHSN Access – Facility-level Users

- If submitting for the individual hospital/facility via manual webform entry or CSV upload:

  - Identify user(s) in the facility who will be submitting hospital COVID-19 data

  - Ensure user(s) have access to the NHSN Patient Safety Component COVID-19 module

    - Access to COVID-19 module with Custom Rights

Facility Enrollment

- **Important:** Most hospitals are already enrolled in NHSN
- **Please do not begin enrolling a <u>facility</u> without confirmation from NHSN that enrollment is needed**
- How do I know if my facility is enrolled?

  - Am I Enrolled? (AMIE)
    - Website form
    - Available end of September
  - Contact the facility infection prevention and control department

NHSN Enrollment (as of August 18, 2022):

7,148 Hospitals (this includes 444 Long-term Acute Care Hospitals, 433 Free-standing Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, and 810 Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities)

7,928 Outpatient Hemodialysis Facilities

5,431 Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASCs)

17,864 Long-term Care Facilities

38,371 Total Healthcare Facilities Enrolled

NHSN Access

- The NHSN Facility Administrator or NHSN user can:
  - Confirm facility enrollment in NHSN
  - Add new users to the NHSN application
    - How to Add A New NHSN User: https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/Add-User-508.pdf
- Contact facility infection prevention and control department
- If unable to identify an NHSN user at the facility
  - Email NHSN@cdc.gov and provide the following
    - Email subject line: "COVID-19 Hospital"
    - Facility name
    - Facility address (including zip code)
    - CCN (if applicable)

NHSN Access

- New NHSN user added to a facility
  1. Receive "Welcome to NHSN!" email
  2. Accept NHSN Rules of Behavior
  3. Receive Invitation to Register with SAMS
  4. Complete Identity Verification

SAMS (Secure Access Management Services)

- Invitation to Register with SAMS email
- Link to the SAMS registration page with email address and a temporary password
  - **Important:** Ensure you use the same email address when completing SAMS registration
- After receiving the SAMS invitation email, you have **30 days to complete registration**
- Identify Proofing Verification: Experian online method

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NHSN OrgID Verification

What is the NHSN OrgID?

(Organization Identification Number)

- Also called the NHSN **Facility ID**
- Automatically assigned when a facility enrolls into NHSN
- Unique numeric identifier in the NHSN application
- The NHSN OrgID must be provided for data to be accurately matched to the correct facility
- Facility names and addresses can be duplicative, and other identifiers such as CMS certification number (CCN) can be used by more than one individual facility

NHSN OrgID Verification

- NHSN is currently working with entities (states, vendors, etc.) reporting on behalf of facilities to ensure they have the correct NHSN OrgIDs

- Facilities will also need to work with entities reporting on their behalf to review and verify the NHSN OrgID

- Facilities reporting individually should know their NHSN OrgID

What if I do not know where to find the NHSN OrgID?

- Contact the facility infection prevention and control department
- Facilities enrolled in NHSN have a NHSN Facility Administrator or NHSN user with access to the OrgID
- If unable to contact an NHSN Facility Administrator or user, please email NHSN@cdc.gov and provide the following information:

  - Email subject line: "COVID Hospital Data - NHSN Facility Identifier"
  - Facility name
  - Facility address (including zip code)
  - CCN (if applicable)

Transition Preparation

Group Reporting/Bulk Uploaders

NHSN Group Function

- Allows facilities to share data with larger organizations (health departments, corporate health systems, and/or third-party vendors)

- Many Groups are already set up in NHSN
  - For example, all State Health Departments have NHSN Groups

Group Reporting/Bulk Uploading Key Questions

- Is there an existing Group in NHSN?
- Do additional facilities need to be added to an existing Group?
- What data can Group users view, upload, edit, analyze in NHSN?
  - COVID-19 module

More detailed information to come!

Group Reporting/Bulk Uploading Transition

- NHSN will be in touch with reporting entities that are currently reporting data on behalf of facilities
  - One-on-one conversations to sort through the specific of each of their reporting practices
    - Ensure NHSN Groups set-up, access for appropriate users
  - Scheduled calls with state health departments, state HAI coordinators, and vendors
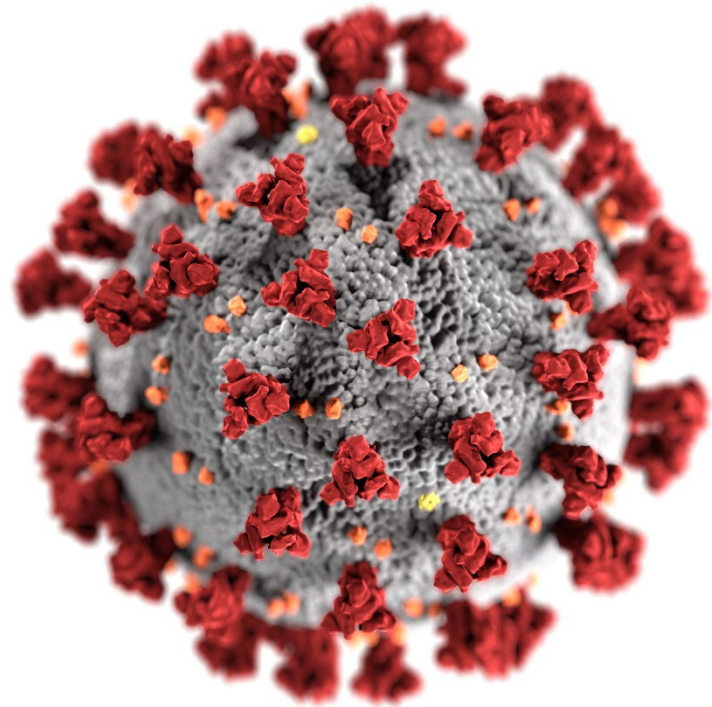
Resources and Q&A

Resources

- https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/covid19/transition.html

Questions

- NHSN@cdc.gov
  - Subject line: "**COVID-19 Hospital**"

Thank you!

For more information, contact CDC
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