

This is a quick reference guide for NHSN Admins who want to sign-up a facility to have the capability to send data to NHSN without logging into the NHSN application.

Sending via DIRECT method is a simple, secure, scalable, standards-based way for participants to send authenticated, encrypted health information directly to NHSN over the Internet.

DIRECT CDA Automation is an alternative method to import CDAs into NHSN, as opposed to manual CDA import. There is an assumption that the facility is enrolled in NHSN and has an assigned NHSN Object Identifier (OID).

If the facility is not enrolled in NHSN, then review material at <u>http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/</u>.

If the facility is enrolled, but does not have an OID, then go to the following link: http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/CDA/index.html

STEP 1:

Contact your CDA vendor or facility IT technical staff to find out if this is a possible solution for sending data to NHSN. They may contact us at <u>nhsncda@cdc.gov</u> for more technical information.

STEP 2:

If your facility decides to sign-up for DIRECT CDA Automation, collect the required information below from your CDA vendor or facility IT staff that will be assisting you with this process.

- 1. <u>DIRECT address</u>: this is the DIRECT address from which your facility will be sending data from.
- 2. Health Information Service Provider (HISP) name: name of HISP or your own HISP name.
- 3. <u>HISP-Technical Point of Contact email (HISP-TPOC)</u>: email of technical person from the HISP that will assist with the digital certificate exchange.
- 4. <u>Facility–Technical Point of Contact email (FACILITY-TPOC)</u>: email of technical contact at the facility or a vendor that will assist your facility with DIRECT CDA Automation sign-up process by performing required tasks.

STEP 3:

A user with administrator rights to manually import CDAs into NHSN will have the rights to sign-up a facility for DIRECT CDA Automation.

- 1. User logs into their facility.
- 2. On the blue navigation bar, click on "Facility", then "Direct Enroll".



STEP 4:

User completes the required fields:

- 1. A user enters the information collected in Step 2 into the required fields.
- 2. Click Submit.
- 3. An auto-generated status field is viewable to show the facility's progress in the sign-up process.
- 4. This initiates an email to be sent to the HISP-TPOC so they may perform the next step.

NHSN Home		Direct Foroll
Alerts		W Breechand
Dashboard		
Reporting Plan		Direct enrolment will abow your facility to send CDPLs and CSV's to MHSN via your Health information Service Provider. Please work with your CDA/CSV IT staff or vendor to at the information to complete the enrolment fields and enrolment process.
Patient		
Event		Pacifity ID: 14581 Object Identifier: 2.111.111.14501
Procedure		Direct address from which your facility will be sending data. *:
Summary Data		(HISP) Health Information Service Provider name *:
		HISP-Technical Point of Contact email *:
COVID-19	•	Facility-Technical Point of Contact email *:
Import/Export		Status:
Surveys		Remove Direct CDA/CSV:
Analysis		Add additional DIRECT addresses
Users		
Facility		Customize Forms Submit Back
Group		Facility Info
Tools		Add/Edit Component
Logs		Locations
Dynamic Forms		Surgeons
		Direct Enroll

STEP 5:

Sign-up Completed

The HISP-Technical Point of Contact and Facility-Technical Point of Contact will need to perform specific tasks to complete the sign-up process.

Once the process is complete, your Facility-TPOC will instruct you on how to submit CDA zip files to NHSN using the DIRECT method of transport.