The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) Secure Access Management Services (SAMS) is a federal information technology (IT) system that gives authorized personnel secure access to non-public CDC applications. For the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) Program, SAMS will provide healthcare facilities and other partners, such as state health departments and QIOs, with secure and immediate access to the NHSN application.

**Secure Access Management Services (SAMS) Registration**

- **For detailed information visit** [http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/sams/about-sams.html](http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/sams/about-sams.html)
- **NHSN user support:** nhsn@cdc.gov  SAMS help desk: samshelp@cdc.gov

### Step 1: Register
- Log in to SAMS using the username, temporary password, and SAMS Partner Portal link provided in the invite email.
- Read and accept the SAMS rules of behavior.
- Complete the registration form.

### Step 2: Verify
- After successful online registration, you will receive an **“Identity Verification Request”** email from SAMS.
- SAMS supports two options for validating your identity using the preferred online method, Experian, or the current ID secured document submission process.

### Step 3: Access
- Receive welcome emails from SAMS and NHSN
- Install an Entrust Authenticator application on your phone, tablet, or computer. The second option is a hard token which is a physical Entrust grid card mailed to your home address.