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.

**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 rules of behavior.
- Complete the registration form.

**Step 2: Verify**
- Receive SAMS registration confirmation email, print the attached verification form.
- Complete the form, including a notary public for endorsement.
- Mail or fax the endorsement verification forms and supporting documents back to CDC.

**Step 3: Access**
- Receive confirmation from CDC by email and postal mail.
- Receive welcome emails from SAMS and NHSN.
- Receive SAMS grid card to your home address. Users cannot access NHSN without their grid card.

- 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