

**From:** NHSN (CDC)

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**To:** All NHSN Users

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To: NHSN Users:

CDC's National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) is the nation's most comprehensive medical event tracking system that is currently utilized by more than 16,000 U.S. healthcare facilities. NHSN provides critical data to guide prevention efforts aimed at protecting patients.

In response to anecdotal reports of intentional non-reporting of infection data, CDC and CMS are jointly issuing a reminder that addresses concerns about healthcare facility non-reporting of healthcare-associated infections events. That document is attached to this email. While there is no evidence of a widespread issue, CDC and CMS want to emphasize that accurate reporting to NHSN through strict adherence to the NHSN definitions is critical.

CDC and CMS are committed to ensuring data accuracy and reliability for guiding prevention priorities and protecting patients. Identifying infections and making sure that patients receive the highest quality of care is our top priority.

Thank you,

The NHSN Team