

COVID-19 Patient Impact and Hospital Capacity Module

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) is supporting the nation's COVID-19 response by introducing a new COVID-19 Patient Impact and Hospital Capacity Module within NHSN's Patient Safety Component. The Module has been activated for your facility.

The Module enables hospitals to report daily counts of patients with suspected and confirmed COVID-19 diagnoses and current use and availability of hospital beds and mechanical ventilators. NHSN, in turn, will enable state and local health departments to gain immediate access to the COVID-19 data for hospitals in their jurisdictions. COVID-19 data submitted to NHSN will also be used by CDC's emergency COVID-19 response and by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS') COVID-19 tracking system maintained in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Preparedness and Response.

The new COVID-19 Module consists of thirteen data elements divided into two sections: Patient Impact and Hospital Capacity. The Module calls for reporting aggregate count data for each calendar day. While daily reporting will provide the timeliest data for response purposes, retrospective reporting of prior day(s) data is encouraged if daily reporting is not feasible. Participation in the Module does not call for patient-level data collection. The data can be submitted using manual entry or CSV file. The Module is available for use by all hospitals in the nation and participation is voluntary. Plans are underway at NHSN to add a COVID-19 Healthcare Worker Impact Module.

A [COVID-19 web page](#) is now available on the [NHSN website](#), where you can find the Patient Impact and Hospital Capacity Module Data Collection Form, a Table of Instructions, and a Quick Reference Guide that provide detailed instructions for accessing and submitting data to the Module.

A web streaming training is scheduled for Tuesday March 31, 2020 at 2PM ET, at which time NHSN will provide additional information about the Module, data submission, and data uses in the COVID-19 response. An invitation to the training will be sent in a separate communication.

If you have any questions, please email us at NHSN@cdc.gov COVID-19 Patient Module.

NHSN's role as a shared platform for healthcare-associated infection surveillance and its collaborations with hospital and health departments throughout the nation provide a valuable foundation for COVID-19 surveillance. Thank you in advance for working with NHSN as we launch the Module, provide information about its use, and invite your participation in a new surveillance effort designed to protect patients and healthcare workers and respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

The NHSN Team