TWO COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING THE NHSN PATIENT SAFETY COMPONENT ACUTE CARE COVID-19 MODULE

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COMMUNICATION 1:

Subject: Updated Additional Fields and Modifications to the NHSN Acute Care COVID-19 Module

Dear NHSN Users:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) continues to support the nation's COVID-19 response by updating the acute care COVID-19 Module.

An update to the acute care COVID-19 Module has been released. The following changes have been made to the Patient Impact and Hospital Capacity Pathway:

- Addition of 3 new data entry fields
- Modification of the Hospital Onset field and the Death field for clarity

To accompany these application changes, NHSN has also updated the Table of Instructions (TOI), the data collection form and the CSV (comma separated values) template used by facilities to upload COVID-19 data. All documents can be found on NHSN's COVID-19 webpage available on the NHSN website. Data submission using the new and updated fields should begin today Friday, May 15, 2020.

NEW FIELDS:

PREVIOUS DAY'S ADMISSIONS WITH CONFIRMED COVID-19: New patients admitted to an inpatient bed who had confirmed COVID-19 at the time of admission

PREVIOUS DAY'S ADMISSIONS WITH SUSPECTED COVID-19: New patients admitted to an inpatient bed who had suspected COVID-19 at the time of admission

PREVIOUS DAY'S NEW HOSPITAL ONSET: Current inpatients hospitalized for a condition other than COVID-19 with onset of suspected or confirmed COVID-19 on the previous day and the previous day is fourteen or more days since admission

MODIFIED FIELDS:

HOSPITAL ONSET: Total current inpatients with onset of suspected or confirmed COVID-19 fourteen or more days after admission for a condition other than COVID-19

PREVIOUS DAY'S DEATHS: Patients with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 who died in the hospital, ED, or any overflow location on the previous calendar day

Modification summaries for the two fields:

HOSPITAL ONSET: The intent of this field has not changed. Wording has been modified for clarity purposes and additional guidance provided in the Table of Instructions to **distinguish this field from the new field of PREVIOUS DAY'S NEW HOSPITAL ONSET**. This field captures the **total number of current inpatients** at the time of data collection who had onset of suspected or confirmed COVID-19 fourteen or more days after admission (for a condition other than COVID-19), and are still inpatients at the time of data collection. The Table of Instruction also identifies that this represents the **prevalence** of hospital onset cases.

PREVIOUS DAY'S DEATHS: This field title is changed from "DEATHS" to "PREVIOUS DAY'S DEATHS" and re-designed to capture the number of COVID-19 associated deaths for the **previous calendar day**.

As a reminder, submitting data via the NHSN application's COVID-19 Module continues to fulfill the reporting request for "Capacity and Utilization Data" detailed in Secretary Azar's letter and FAQs dated April 10, 2020 (see attached).

Facility-level data collected through NHSN as part of the COVID-19 Module are being made available to a broader set of Federal, state, and local agency data users than data typically collected by NHSN. Specifically, COVID-19 data at the state, county, territory, and facility level submitted to NHSN will continue to be used for public health emergency response activities by CDC's emergency COVID-19 response, 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 as part of the National Response Coordination Center at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and by the White House Coronavirus Task Force.

Please contact NHSN@cdc.gov with "hospital reporting COVID-19" in the subject line for questions regarding the COVID-19 Module.

COMMUNICATION 2 (*FOR GROUP USERS OF THE PATIENT SAFETY COMPONENT ACUTE CARE COVID-19 MODULE ONLY*):

Subject: The New Group Dashboard for COVID-19 Module in NHSN

Dear NHSN Group Users:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) continues to support the nation's COVID-19 response. NHSN's COVID-19 Module makes it possible for Groups in NHSN to view their facilities' data using the new COVID-19 Dashboard in the NHSN Application. Using interactive chart displays, the COVID-19 Dashboard provides summaries of the metrics collected and reported directly into the NHSN COVID-19 Module, beginning with the Patient Impact and Hospital Capacity Pathway. More information on this feature can be found in this guide posted on the NHSN COVID-19 Module web page.

The NHSN application also now includes analysis reports to help Groups analyze NHSN COVID-19 data from their participating facility members. More information on how to access and use these analysis report options are detailed in this guide.

Thank you!

The NHSN Team

NHSN COVID-19 Webpage: https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/acute-care-hospital/covid19/index.html