In March 2021, an NHSN release will implement a few updates to the Dialysis COVID-19 Module. These updates will add a new required data field, modify the calendar feature to re-enforce weekly reporting, and clarify labels for various data entry fields. Details about these updates are described below.

Changes to the main Dialysis COVID-19 calendar:

The calendar launch page used to enter COVID-19 data has been updated from a monthly format to a weekly summary display. Users can click on the week for which they are entering data to be directed to the COVID-19 data entry form. A completed submission will turn green when all required data is entered in the data entry form.

Reminder: Data should be inclusive for the entire current reporting week, which is **Wednesday through Tuesday**. Data needs to be entered on Tuesday evening or Wednesday of the reporting period. For example: Data for 1/13/2021 through 1/19/2021 will need to be entered in NHSN on Tuesday evening (1/19/2021) or that Wednesday (1/20/2021).
Data was allowed to be entered daily prior to this calendar feature update. Any data entered prior to the new weekly view will be displayed during the appropriate surveillance week. If there were multiple entries for the surveillance week, there will be multiple entries listed for the week.

Changes to the COVID-19 Data Collection Forms:

**Facility Operational Information**

The ‘Add COVID-19 Data’ page has been updated to specify the week of data entry (also called surveillance week) in addition to pertinent facility information.

The new required data field for the “total number of staff (physician, nurses, techs, environmental services, biomed, etc.) who worked at least one day during the current reporting week” is displayed in the first section of the data entry form.
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The questions have been clarified with the addition of “during the current reporting week” to the end of each question.