

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) COVID-19 NHSN Reporting Requirements for Nursing Homes

The initial reporting requirements for nursing homes became effective on May 8, 2020, when CMS published an [interim final rule with comment](#). CMS memo [QSO-20-29-NH](#) provides additional information for nursing homes to meet COVID-19 reporting requirements. CMS is only collecting nursing home (i.e., skilled nursing facility and/or nursing facility) data and **not assisted living or developmental disability facility types**.

On May 11, 2021, CMS published an additional [interim final rule with comment](#) which described requirements for CMS-certified nursing homes to report weekly COVID-19 vaccination data to NHSN for both residents and staff and therapeutics treatment information for residents. Beginning Monday, June 14, 2021, CMS will enforce these new reporting requirements. Additional information regarding these reporting requirements are located in CMS memo [QSO-21-19-NH](#).

For CMS enforcement-related questions, please email: DNH_Enforcement@cms.hhs.gov. For other questions or concerns regarding CMS memo QSO-20-29-NH or QSO-21-19-NH, please email: DNH_TriageTeam@cms.hhs.gov.

Healthcare Settings	COVID-19 Reporting Data Fields	CMS Reporting Deadlines and Frequency
<i>CMS-certified Long-Term Care Facilities (Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) and/or Nursing Facilities (NFs))</i>	(i) Suspected and confirmed COVID-19 infections among residents and staff, including residents previously treated for COVID-19	<p><u>Deadlines:</u> May 17, 2020: facilities must submit first set of data. CMS will provide facilities with an initial two-week grace period to begin reporting cases in the NHSN system (which ends at 11:59 p.m. on May 24, 2020). Facilities that fail to begin reporting after the third week (by 11:59 p.m. on May 31st) will receive a warning letter reminding them to begin reporting the required information to CDC. June 13, 2021: Facilities must begin including vaccination and therapeutic data reporting in NHSN submissions by 11:59 p.m. <u>Frequency:</u> Facilities must continue submitting their COVID-19 data to NHSN at least weekly, but no later than Sunday at 11:59 p.m., each week. To be compliant with the new reporting requirements, facilities must submit the data through the NHSN reporting system at <u>least once every seven days</u>. Facilities may choose to submit multiple times a week. CMS is not prescribing which day of the week the data must be submitted, although reporting should remain consistent with data being submitted on the same day(s) each week. The collection period should also remain consistent (e.g., Monday through Sunday). Each Monday, CMS will review the data submitted to assess if each facility submitted data at least once in the previous seven days. The data pulled each Monday will also be used to update the data that is publicly reported.</p>
	(ii) Total deaths and COVID-19 deaths among residents and staff	
	(iii) Personal protective equipment and hand hygiene supplies in the facility	
	(iv) Ventilator capacity and supplies in the facility	
	(v) Resident beds and census	
	(vi) Access to COVID-19 testing while the resident is in the facility	
	(vii) Staffing shortages	
	(viii) Vaccination data for residents and staff and the use of therapeutics for residents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) total numbers of residents and staff vaccinated, (b) therapeutics administered to residents for treatment of COVID-19 	
(ix) Other information specified by the Secretary		