Point of Care Test (POCT) Reporting Tool for COVID-19

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Agenda

- Overview
  - Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act
  - Data sharing through the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) Data entry
- What’s new in the system?
- Analytics
- Frequently asked questions
- Issues being addressed
- Demonstration
- Question and Answer

Please submit any questions via the Q & A box ONLY. Questions submitted to Chat will not be monitored for questions.

As time allows, a live Q & A session will follow the presentation.

Please send any questions which were not answered to NHSN@cdc.gov with “POC Tests” in the subject line.
Only the POC Test Reporting Tool provides COVID-19 test data for individuals. Do not confuse the Surveillance Reporting Pathways and the POC Test Reporting Tool.
CDC's National Healthcare Safety Network is the nation's most widely used healthcare-associated infection tracking system. NHSN provides facilities, states, regions, and the nation with data needed to identify problem areas, measure progress of prevention efforts, and ultimately eliminate healthcare-associated infections.

In addition, NHSN allows healthcare facilities to track blood safety errors and important healthcare process measures such as healthcare personnel influenza vaccine status and infection control adherence rates.

**LTCF COVID-19 Module**
- Long-term Care Facilities
- Includes Nursing Homes, Skilled Nursing & Assisted Living Facilities

**Dialysis COVID-19 Module**
- Dialysis Facilities
- Includes Outpatient Dialysis and Home Dialysis Facilities

**COVID-19 Information**
COVID-19 Data Dashboard and resources for reporting into the LTCF and Dialysis CDMO-19 Modules

**About NHSN**
- CDC’s NHSN is the largest HAI reporting system in the U.S.

**Data & Reports**
- See national and state reports using NHSN data.

**Guidelines & Recommendations**
- Review CDC HAI prevention guidelines.

**NHSN Member Login**
- Access NHSN Application

**New to NHSN? Enroll Facility Here**
- For first-time facility enrollment.

**Reporting & Surveillance for Enrolled Facilities**
- Training protocols, forms, support.

**Group Users**
- View resources for group users.

**CDA Submission Support Portal (CSSP)**
- Toolkits, FAQs, webinars and resources for testing and validation for CDA implementers.
Educational Resources

https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/covid19/index.html
What is Point of Care Testing (POCT)?

- The College of American Pathologists (CAP) defines POCT as “testing that is performed near or at the site of a patient with the result leading to a possible change in the care of the patient.”

- It is usually performed by non-laboratory trained individuals such as nurses, physicians, nursing assistants, and anesthesia assistants.

- These tests generally offer faster turn-around time for results.

- They often require less sample volume than tests performed in the laboratory.

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Overview

Impetus and Process
Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act

Public Law 116-136, § 18115(a)¹

- Requires reporting
  - within 24 hours of results
  - results of each test to “detect SARS-CoV-2 or to diagnosis a possible case of COVID-19” by laboratories*
  - to Secretary of Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

- DHHS issued guidance on June 4, 2020 to outline requirements for data submission to DHHS as authorized under the CARES Act²

- “As a guiding principle, data should be sent to state or local public health departments using existing reporting channels (in accordance with state law or policies) to ensure rapid initiation of case investigations by those departments....”

* laboratory definition includes all locations performing point of care testing (NHs, ALFs, etc.)

Reporting Guidance Language - Update from January 8, 2020

- CMS-certified long-term care facilities may submit point-of-care SARS-CoV-2 testing data, including antigen testing data, to CDC’s National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN). This CDC- and CMS-preferred pathway to submit data to CDC’s NHSN applies only to CMS-certified long-term care facilities. Test data submitted to NHSN will be reported to appropriate state and local health departments using standard electronic laboratory messages. Other types of LTC facilities may also report testing data in NHSN for self-tracking or to fulfill state or local reporting requirements, if any. While NHSN is the CDC- and CMS-preferred pathway, Medicare and Medicaid-certified LTC facilities may submit data through the other mechanisms described in the Current Methods of Submission section of HHS Laboratory Reporting Guidance to meet the reporting requirements.

Why a Reporting Option Through the National Healthcare Safety Network?

- Creates a single, standardized reporting system that:
  1) all ~15,400 nursing homes already use for other COVID-19 reporting;
  2) has the capability to share data with state and local health departments;
  3) has the capability to share data with HHS and CMS; and
  4) avoids the creation of a patchwork of different jurisdictional reporting systems by state health departments

If your state or local health department has already developed a process by which facilities report these data, please contact these public health authorities before changing the reporting process.
Nursing Home Reporting Proposed Data Flow

1. Identify facility-specific defaults on set-up

2. Ingest files into APHL-provided csv to generate HL7

3. Route files based on State where NH is located

4. Submit laboratory data to CDC

5. CDC

Every 15”

Every 2 hr
Manual Data Entry
Burden-sparing NHSN Architecture

- “Single-page application”
- Required data elements limited to those identified in CARES Act and/or needed by state and local health departments
- Drop down list for county based on State
- Options are specific for the test device used
  - Test ordered
  - Specimen source
  - Test result
Burden-sparing NHSN Architecture Cont.

- Auto-population for some data fields
  - Links to previously entered demographics for the tested individual
  - Defaults to facility address for residents
  - Defaults to identified information for
    - Testing device
    - Test Ordered
    - Ordering physician
    - Specimen number
    - Symptomatic?
    - Pregnant?
POC Test Result Reporting

**Resident/Staff**

- **Type of Individual Tested**: Resident
- **Resident ID**: [Input Field]
- **First Name**: [Input Field]
- **Gender**: [Dropdown]
- **Ethnicity**: [Dropdown]
- **Middle Name**: [Input Field]
- **Last Name**: [Input Field]
- **Date of Birth**: [Input Field]

**Race**
- American Indian/Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
- White

**POC Test Results**

No records to view

**I'm done. Start a New POC Test Result Report**
Requires Admin rights
POC Test Result Reporting

Add Test Result

POC Test Result

Test Date: [Date]
Device Name: [Device Name]
Test Ordered: SARS coronavirus SARS coronavirus 2 Ag [Presence] in Respiratory specimen by Rapid immunoassay
Specimen Source: [Specimen Source]
Test Result: [Test Result]
Specimen Number: 123
Ordering Physician: [Physician]
Was person symptomatic? No
Was person pregnant? No

Choose Default...

Save  Cancel
What happens if the device my facility is using is not listed?

- Report those results as you have been doing previously
- NHSN is continuously updating the list of test devices for which test results can be reported
Latest Updates to the NHSN POC Test Reporting Tool

What is New?
Enhancement

Visitor result reporting*
Uploading Staff demographic data*
Deletion of Staff*
Reporting for Staff who are residents of Canada and Mexico*
POC test results uploads via NHSN Direct
POC multiplex devices but only for COVID—19 reporting (see next slide)
Required Race and Ethnicity fields

See POC Test Reporting Tool FAQs at https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/covid19/index.html for more information
**Race and Ethnicity**

- Important risk factors for COVID-19 acquisition and severity; Required by U.S. DHHS
- Race - describes physical traits; inheritable
- Ethnicity - refers to cultural identification; learning

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             • Black or African American  
             • Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander  
             • White |
| Ethnicity  | • Hispanic or Latino- (a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South of Central American of other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race*)  
             • Not Hispanic or Latino |

* [https://www.census.gov/topics/population/hispanic-origin/about.html](https://www.census.gov/topics/population/hispanic-origin/about.html)
## Addition of Two POC Multiplex Devices

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Addition of One POC Antibody Device

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DIRECT Upload of POC Test Results

- NHSN DIRECT: a means to securely receive electronic data from healthcare information systems via a Health Information Service Provider (HISP).

- Requires a DIRECT address

- https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/cdaportal/importingdata.html

- This is not the same process as creating a Comma-separated Value (CSV) file and manually importing it.

- Templates and file layout documents for DIRECT upload are available at https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/covid19/index.html
Analysis

- Two current line list options
  - Resident testing
  - Staff/Volunteer/Contractor testing
- Run and Modify options
- Sortable — default is sort by test result
- Additional analysis options to be added as needs identified
- Always remember to generate datasets before running analysis to ensure that all entered data is included.
# Fictional Example of Resident Line List

## National Healthcare Safety Network
### Line Listing - LTC Resident COVID-19 Testing

As of December 28, 2020 at 12:15 AM

Data Range: All LTC_COVID19_POCRT_ST_RE_5

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Data contained in this report were last processed on December 28, 2020 at 12:15 AM to include all data.
Frequently Asked Questions

https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/covid19/index.html
Why am I not seeing the option to report Point of Care (POC) test results for staff?

- In recognition of sensitivity of test information:
  - Only NHSN Facility Administrator (FacAd) will automatically be granted rights to STAFF POC data.
  - FacAd will need to grant rights to other NHSN Users as needed to perform necessary reporting.

Let’s look at how one grants NHSN rights to an NHSN User
Find User

- Enter search criteria and click Find

User Information

User ID: 
First Name: 
Middle Name: 
Last Name: 
Phone Number: 
E-mail Address: 

Find  Clear  Back
Find User

- Enter search criteria and click Find

User Information

User ID: 
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Middle Name: 
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- **Last Name**: Jones
- **Title**: 
- **User Active**: Y - Yes
- **User Type**: 
- **Phone Number**: 111-111-1111
- **Fax Number**: 
- **E-mail Address**: KJONES@CDC.GOV

- **Address, line 1**: 
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- **Home Phone Number**: 
- **Beeper**: 

**Buttons**: Save, Deactivate, Change Password, Edit Rights, Effective Rights, Back
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**Facility List:** [Fac: Angola LTCF Test Facility]

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Can I report my facility’s POC test results via the pharmacy or laboratory?

- Results for specimens collected from residents, staff or visitors sent for testing in the laboratory must be reported via laboratory policy. They are NOT reported via NHSN.

- Results for specimens collected from residents, staff or visitors tested at or near the patient, not in the laboratory, may be reported in the NHSN POC test reporting tool.
My local health department called me about a positive test result in a resident, but there was no positive test result. What is wrong?

- Every POC test result recorded in NHSN → test result sent to AIMS.
- If a test result is subsequently changed in NHSN → new test result sent to AIMS.
What enhanced capabilities to the reporting tool are expected in the future?

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Demonstration
Accessing the POC Test Reporting Tool

Prior to 11:59 p.m. on Thursday October 29th, please use this link to view COVID-19 vaccination services/supply, administration, and reporting will be handled by your facility. This will help ensure your facility is prepared and accounted for in COVID-19 vaccination services when a vaccine becomes available.
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- NHSN’s Point of Care Test Reporting Tool for COVID-19 is the CDC and CMS preferred method for CMS-certified long-term care facilities to report POC test results.
- The tool enables facilities to report data which are then shared with state health departments (SHDs) and with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as well as CDC.
- Data entry into the system has been built to be minimally burdensome; enhancements to the initial tool to reduce data-entry burden continue and still more are in development.
- The NHSN offers many resources for use of the tool, which can be located at https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/covid19/index.html Especially see the POC Frequently Asked Questions document.
- For questions about the system, please email: NHSN@cdc.gov and include in the subject line: POC Test Reporting Tool.
Question and Answer

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