

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

NHSN LTCF Component Updates

Updates, guidance, and resources for NHSN partners

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At the heart of our work is a shared commitment to protecting the health and well-being of the residents in your care. This quarter's issue includes reminders about maintaining NHSN access and accepting the Agreement to Participate, as well as updates to the Respiratory Pathogens and Vaccination (RPV) module. It also highlights the continued importance of consistent Point-of-Care (POC) testing data and underscores the importance of completing the Annual Facility Survey.

Thank you for your continued dedication to timely, accurate reporting that helps protect vulnerable residents nationwide.

–The NHSN LTCF Team

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NEW VIDEO: Preventing Infections in Your Nursing Home Community

CDC's new video spotlights simple steps everyone in nursing homes can take to prevent infections. Washing hands and cleaning surfaces, staying home when sick, wearing a mask when appropriate, and letting others know if you feel unwell are easy ways to protect your community. Residents and staff each play a role in keeping nursing homes safe and healthy.

Share this video with staff, residents, and families to help promote infection prevention and protect your community.

YouTube Video: Preventing Infections in Your Nursing Home Community

Also available on cdc.gov: Infection Prevention and Long-term Care Facility Residents

Maintain Administrative Access

Keep user information and Facility Administrator details up to date. Accounts inactive for more than 180 days may lose NHSN access, which can delay reporting.

Administrative Reminders

- **Deactivate** users no longer active at the facility. In NHSN, select **Users > Find > Find >** Select name **> Deactivate > OK**.
- **Reassign** the Facility Administrator role. In **NHSN** select **Facility > Facility Info >** Contact Information **> Edit** Facility Administrator **>** Update information with an existing user **> Submit > OK**.

Need Help?

If the listed Facility Administrator is unavailable, submit the Change NHSN Facility Administrator form (allow up to 5 business days for processing).

Reminder: Accept the updated NHSN Agreement to Participate

Action Required

Review and accept the updated NHSN Agreement to Participate on behalf of your facility as soon as possible.



Deadline: June 1, 2027
Facilities that do not accept the Agreement by the deadline will be unable to report data to NHSN until it is accepted. Facilities will remain active, and historical data and analyses will continue to be available.

Questions?

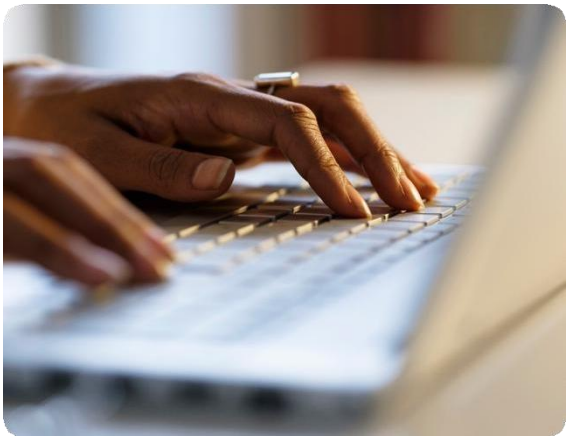
Submit via NHSN-ServiceNow (subject line: "NHSN Agreement to Participate") or by email to the NHSN Help Desk if ServiceNow is unavailable.

Instruction document: Guidance for Accepting the Updated NHSN Agreement to Participate and Consent

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RPV Module: Optional Therapeutic Reporting

Beginning March 30, 2026



Facilities may report weekly resident therapeutics for COVID-19, influenza, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) in the Respiratory Pathogens and Vaccination (RPV) Module.

Reporting of therapeutic data is optional.

Where to Report

In NHSN, select **RPV Summary** or **Respiratory Pathogens and Vaccinations > RPV Residents**. Enter therapeutic data on the **RPV: Residents tab** beginning at question 5.

Resource: Respiratory Pathogens and Vaccination Module

COVID-19 Point-of-Care (POC) Testing and Reporting

Why It Matters



By reporting COVID-19 POC test results accurately and on time, facilities help public health departments detect potential outbreaks sooner, monitor respiratory virus trends, and deliver timely infection prevention and control support to protect residents and staff. Reporting through the NHSN POC Test Reporting Tool ensures test data reaches local, state, and federal public health authorities quickly and securely. To avoid reporting disruptions and maintain access to NHSN systems, facilities should ensure at least two staff members maintain **Level 3 SAMS** credentials. Consistent reporting and active **SAMS access** strengthen public health surveillance, support rapid response efforts, and help protect residents, staff, and surrounding communities.

Resources: Point of Care, About SAMS

2025 Annual Facility Survey

The deadline has passed, but facilities can still complete the 2025 Annual Facility Survey. As of March 1, 2026, facilities without a completed Annual Facility Survey cannot submit Monthly Reporting Plans.

Completion is optional for facilities reporting only to the Respiratory Pathogens and Vaccination (RPV) Module; however, completion is strongly encouraged.

Why it Matters

- Support targeted infection prevention efforts.
- Provide insights into antibiotic stewardship practices.
- Help inform resident and facility care initiatives.

Resource: LTCF NHSN Annual Facility Survey Guidance



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