Reporting Weekly Influenza Vaccination Data

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Objectives

- **Highlight changes and clarification for data reporting**

- **Discuss the value of reporting weekly influenza vaccination data**

- **Describe how facilities can track weekly influenza vaccination of residents and healthcare personnel (HCP)**

- **Review data reporting in detail**

Overview

- **Conducted trainings for long-term care (LTC) facilities in October 2020**
  - Went over how to track weekly influenza vaccination for residents and healthcare personnel (HCP)

- **Obtained a sample of facilities submitting weekly HCP influenza vaccination data**
  - Reviewed data
    - Some facilities reported HCP influenza vaccination data incorrectly
  - Surveyed facilities
    - Facilities interpreted HCP denominator definition differently

- **Implemented changes to reduce reporting burden and improve data accuracy**
  - Revised HCP denominator definition to reduce reporting burden
  - Clarified how to correctly report cumulative HCP influenza vaccination data

Key Revisions and Clarifications

- **Revised denominator**
  - Number of HCP that were eligible to have worked at this healthcare facility for at least 1 day during the week of data collection
    - Include individuals regardless of clinical responsibility or patient contact
    - Include workers on sick leave, maternity leave, and vacation
    - Include both full-time and part-time persons

- **Clarified numerator**
  - Facilities should report cumulative data each week
    - Report influenza vaccinations given to date (rather than only new data)

- **Updated data collection forms and tables of instructions in November 2020**
  - Revised materials and trainings posted on the NHSN website

Reporting Cumulative Data for HCP

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Reporting Cumulative Data for Residents

	Week of Sept. 14-20	Week of Sept. 21-27	Week of Sept. 28-Oct. 5
1. Number of residents staying in this facility for at least 1 day during the week of data collection	100	100	100
2. Number of residents in row #1 who received influenza vaccination (either at the facility or outside of the facility) since vaccine became available this season	50	55	60

Why is influenza vaccination important?

Impact of Influenza

- **Influenza can circulate quickly in residential facilities[a]**
    - Residents are at increased risk of complications from influenza infection due to age and/or chronic medical conditions
    - HCP may contract influenza from and/or transmit influenza to residents

- **Challenges to vaccination of HCP working in LTC facilities**
    - Worksite may not offer or actively promote influenza vaccination of HCP[b]
    - High staff turnover can complicate vaccination and tracking[c]

a https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/Documents/Diseases%20and%20Conditions/Flu/LTCFtoolkit_final12%2010%202016%20Encrypted.pdf
b https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/67/wr/mm6738a2.htm
c https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/23031265

Benefits of Influenza Vaccination

- Helps to prevent the spread of influenza among LTC facility residents and HCP
- Could reduce influenza-related illness in residents
- May reduce deaths in long-term care residents
- Reduces illness and absenteeism among HCP

https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/24046301
https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/16546308
https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/19682118

Strategies for Improving Influenza Vaccination

- **Evidence-based strategies identified to increase vaccination uptake:**
  - Providing no cost vaccine to HCP <u>at the LTC facility</u>
  - Giving the influenza vaccine at various times and locations
  - Actively promoting influenza vaccination
  - Providing individual reminders about the need for vaccination
  - Assessing vaccination rates and providing feedback on performance

https://www.thecommunityguide.org/topic/worksite-health
https://www.thecommunityguide.org/topic/vaccination

How can I use these data?

Why Should You Use NHSN?

- **NHSN users can report weekly influenza vaccination data through the LTC Facility Component**
  - Weekly reporting is currently optional

- **The weekly influenza vaccination features are designed to ensure that reported influenza vaccination percentages are:**
  - Consistent over time within a single healthcare facility
  - Comparable across facilities

- **Improvements in tracking and reporting vaccination status allows for enhanced identification and targeting of unvaccinated residents and HCP**

Putting Data into Action

- **Facilities can use data to obtain a better picture of influenza vaccination at their facility**
  - Monitor vaccination trends over time
    - Example: Review how quickly cumulative vaccination coverage rates increase each week for HCP groups and residents
  - Identify HCP groups with lower vaccination rates
    - Example: A facility may find that vaccination rates are lower among technicians than among nurses
  - Pinpoint barriers to influenza vaccination
    - Example: A facility may discover that non-employees have a lower influenza vaccination rate because they are not covered by facility vaccination policies and programs for employees

Putting Data into Action (cont.)

- **Facilities can use the data from the HCP Vaccination Module to inform decision-making**
  - Refine facility strategy and outreach to unvaccinated groups
    - Example: Update vaccination programs to include non-employee HCP
    - Example: Increase the number of days vaccine is offered to HCP and residents onsite
  - Improve vaccination tracking
    - Example: Implement automated tracking systems

Which types of data should I collect?

Weekly Influenza Vaccination Reporting

- Weekly influenza vaccination reporting for residents
- Weekly influenza vaccination reporting for HCP

Weekly Reporting for Residents

Denominator

- Residents staying in this facility for at least 1 day during the week of data collection

Numerator

- Residents receiving influenza vaccination (either at the facility or outside of the facility) since vaccine became available this season
- Residents with a medical contraindication to influenza vaccination
- Residents offered but declined influenza vaccination
- Residents not offered influenza vaccination by the facility
- Residents with an unknown influenza vaccination status or did not meet criteria for any other categories

Weekly Reporting for HCP: Denominator

Denominator Categories

- **Required**
  - **Ancillary services employees**: Environmental, laundry, maintenance, and dietary services
  - **Nurse employees**: Registered nurses and licensed practical/ vocational nurses
  - **Aide, assistant, and technician employees**: Certified nursing assistants, nurse aides, medication aides, and medication assistants
  - **Therapist employees**: Therapists (such as respiratory, occupational, physical, speech, and music therapists) and therapy assistants
  - **Physician and licensed independent practitioner employees**: Physicians, residents, fellows, advanced practice nurses, and physician assistants

- **Optional**
  - **Other HCP**: Persons not included in the employee categories listed here, regardless of clinical responsibility or patient contact, including contract staff, students, and other non-employees

Weekly Reporting for HCP: Denominator (cont.)

- **Previous denominator**
  - Number of HCP that worked at this healthcare facility for at least 1 day during the week of data collection

- **Revised denominator**
  - Number of HCP that were eligible to have worked at this healthcare facility for at least 1 day during the week of data collection
    - Include individuals regardless of clinical responsibility or patient contact
    - Include workers on sick leave, maternity leave, and vacation
    - Include both full-time and part-time persons

Weekly Reporting for HCP: Numerator

Numerator

- HCP receiving an influenza vaccination at this healthcare facility since influenza vaccine became available this season

- HCP providing a written report or documentation of influenza vaccination received outside this healthcare facility since influenza vaccine became available this season

Cumulative Data

- Facilities should report cumulative data each week (rather than only new data)
  - Example:
    - Week 1: 10 physicians received influenza vaccination at the facility
    - Week 2: 5 more physicians received influenza vaccination at the facility
      - Facility should report 15 physicians received influenza vaccination at the facility by the end of week 2

Weekly Reporting for HCP: Additional Notes

- **A healthcare worker (HCW) may be eligible to work in two or more facilities for at least 1 day during the week of data collection**
  - Each facility should include the HCW in their denominator (question 1 on the data collection form)

- **The HCP categories are mutually exclusive. Each HCW should be counted only once in the denominator**

Vaccine Availability

- **Receipt of influenza vaccine supply for current influenza season**

- **Experiencing a shortage of influenza vaccine for current influenza season**

Tables of Instructions

- **Tables of instructions provide detailed definitions of the denominator and numerator categories**
- **Review instructions before collecting and entering data**
- **Access instructions at: https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/vaccination/index.html**

Data Fields	Instructions for Completion
Facility ID #	*Required.* The NHSN-assigned facility ID will be auto-entered.
Vaccination Type	*Required.* Influenza is the default and only current choice.
Influenza Subtype	*Required.* Seasonal is the default and only current choice.
Influenza Season	*Required.* Select the influenza season years for which data were collected (for example, 2020/2021).
Week of Data Collection	*Required.* Enter the day, month, and year of the beginning and end dates for the week data are being collected. Weeks begin on a Monday and end on a Sunday.
Date Last Modified	The Date Last Modified will be auto-entered and indicate the date that these data were last changed by a user.
Ancillary Services Employees (environmental, laundry, maintenance, and dietary services)	*Required.* Defined as all persons who perform ancillary services and who receive a direct paycheck from the healthcare facility (i.e., on the facility's payroll), regardless of clinical responsibility or patient contact. Specifically, this consists of employees providing environmental, laundry, maintenance, and dietary/nutrition services.

How do I get started in NHSN?

NHSN Landing Page
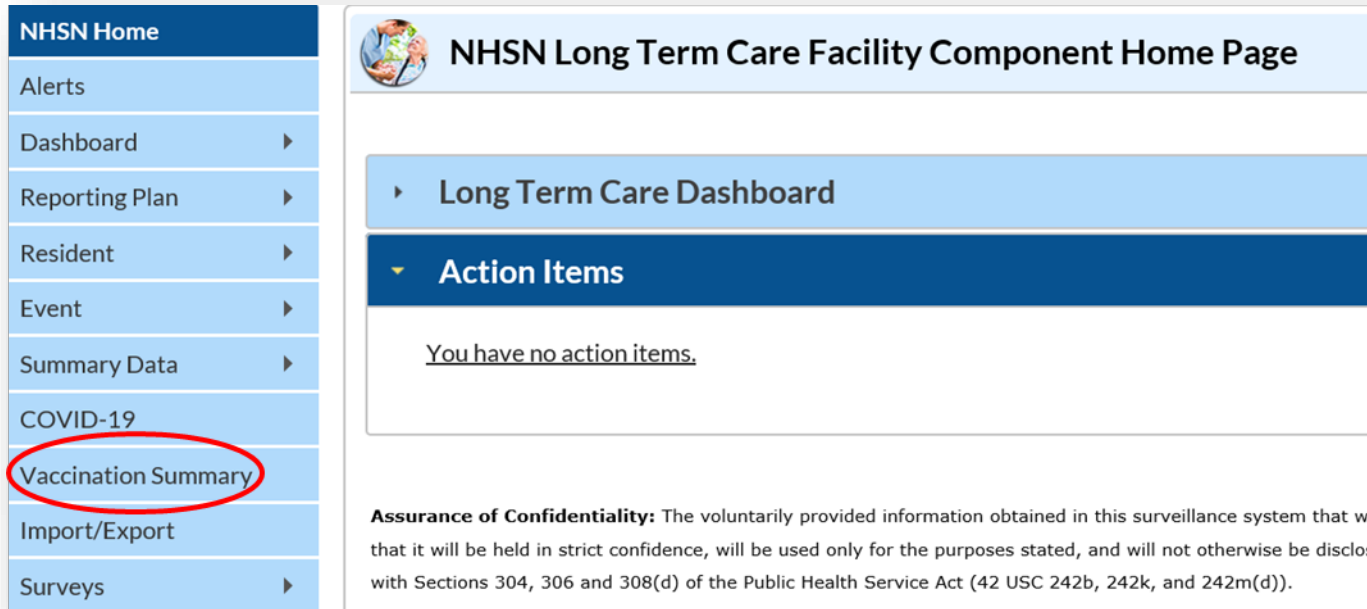
- **Select the LTC Facility Component**

LTC Facility Component Home Page

- Select 'Vaccination Summary' on the left-hand navigation bar

Vaccination Summary Data: Residents

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Flu Vaccine: Residents | Flu Vaccine: HCW

Influenza Vaccination Coverage of Long-Term Care Facility Residents

Facility ID # *: 20265
Influenza subtype *: SEASONAL - Seasonal
Week of Data Collection: 09/07/2020 - 09/13/2020

Vaccination type *: Influenza
Influenza Season *: 2020/2021
Date Last Modified: 09/18/2020 4:10PM

Vaccination Coverage	
100	1. Number of residents staying in this facility for at least 1 day during the week of data collection
60	2. Number of residents in row #1 who received influenza vaccination (either at the facility or outside of the facility) since vaccine became available this season
2	3. Number of residents in row #1 with a medical contraindication to influenza vaccination
10	4. Number of residents in row #1 offered but declined influenza vaccination
20	5. Number of residents in row #1 not offered influenza vaccination by the facility
8	6. Number of residents in row #1 with an unknown influenza vaccination status or did not meet criteria for other categories for questions 2-5 above
Vaccine Availability	
Y - Yes	Has your facility received its supply of influenza vaccine for the current influenza season?
N - No	Is your facility currently experiencing a shortage of influenza vaccine for the current influenza season?

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Vaccination Summary Data: Residents

- Click the 'Save' button at the bottom of the screen after entering data

Vaccination Summary Data: Residents

Vaccination Summary Data: HCP

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Editing Summary Data

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Edit Flu Vaccine Data

Flu Vaccine: Residents   Flu Vaccine: HCW

Influenza Vaccination Coverage of Long-Term Care Facility Residents

Facility ID # *: 13792   Vaccination type *: Influenza

Influenza subtype *: SEASONAL - Seasonal   Influenza Season *: 2020/2021 ∨

Week of Data Collection: 08/31/2020 - 09/06/2020 Date Last Modified: 09/22/2020 3:38PM

	Vaccination Coverage
100	1. Number of residents staying in this facility for at least 1 day during the week of data collection
80	2. Number of residents in row #1 who received influenza vaccination (either at the facility or outside of the facility) since vaccine became available this season
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Reporting cumulative vaccination data

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Data Reporting in NHSN:
Influenza Vaccination versus COVID-19 Cases

- **Weekly Influenza vaccination data**
  - Optional reporting
  - Cumulative vaccination data (all vaccinations administered to date)

- **COVID-19 case data**
  - Required reporting
  - Incidence case data (cases diagnosed each week)

Resources

Resource: The NHSN Website

Visit: **https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/vaccination/index.html**
for training materials:

- Data collection forms
- Tables of Instructions
- Training slides

Questions or Need Help?

E-mail user support at: nhsn@cdc.gov

Please include 'Weekly LTC Flu Summary' in the subject line of the e-mail

For more information, contact CDC
1-800-CDC-INFO (232-4636)
TTY: 1-888-232-6348   www.cdc.gov

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