

CDC-NHSN Long-term Care Facility (LTCF) Component Summary of Updates, January 1, 2021

Below is a summary of significant updates for the NHSN Long-term Care Facility Component, which will go into effect January 1, 2021. **Important:** The updates are specific to the non-COVID-19 Modules. See [LTCF COVID-19 Module](#) webpage for updates related to COVID-19 surveillance and reporting for long-term care facilities.

Impacted Module/Event	Summary of Modifications
Healthcare-associated Infection (HAI) Module: Urinary Tract Infections (UTI) Events	The definition of leukocytosis changed from “> 14,000 cells/mm ³ , or Left shift (> 6% or 1,500 bands/mm ³)” to “ [greater than 10,000 cells/mm ³ , or Left shift (> 6% or 1,500 bands/mm ³)]
HAI: UTI Pathogen Susceptibility Data Collection Forms	<p>Changes were made to drug susceptibility data entry requirements on the UTI data collection event form.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When selecting <i>Proteus mirabilis</i> as an organism, users are required to provide a susceptibility response for the following drugs: Ampicillin, Amoxicillin, Cefuroxime, Ceftriaxone, Cefixime, Ciprofloxacin, Levofloxacin, Ertapenem, Meropenem, and Imipenem. • Nitrofurantoin added as a required drug for the following organisms: <i>E coli</i>, <i>Citrobacter spp.</i>, <i>E. faecalis</i>, <i>Enterobacter spp.</i>, <i>Klebsiella spp.</i>, and <i>E. faecium</i>. • Newly developed drugs have been added. • Retired drugs, or drugs no longer commercially available, have been removed. • Available result codes (S, I, R, NS, S-DD, N) for some drugs have been updated. • Order of drugs and grouping of drugs have been updated.
LabID Event Module: MDRO & <i>C. difficile</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The multiplier for calculating the Total CDI Rate and CDI Long-term Care Facility-onset Incidence Rate changed from 10,000 resident days to 1,000 resident-days. • MDR-<i>Acinetobacter</i> definition updated to include new eligible drugs: Piperacillin/tazobactam, Cefoxitin, and Ceftriaxone. • Removed Piperacillin alone as an eligible B-lactam for MDR-<i>Acinetobacter</i>. • CRE: Any <i>Escherichia coli</i>, <i>Klebsiella oxytoca</i>, <i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>, <i>Klebsiella aerogenes</i> or <i>Enterobacter spp.</i> testing resistant to imipenem, meropenem, doripenem, ertapenem, meropenem/vaborbactam, or imipenem/relebactam by standard susceptibility testing methods
All Data Collection Forms	Social security number removed as an option for newly entered resident events.

<p>Analysis</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modifications made to improve consistency with variable names. For example, variables in footnotes for line listing and rate tables will auto-default to descriptive variable names. • The “utiPlan” (UTI Plan) variable replaced “CAU Plan” variable to align with UTI reporting requirements specific to the LTCF Component.
<p>Vaccination</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Users will notice a Vaccination Summary option available in the left navigation bar on the NHSN LTCF Homepage to allow for easy access to reporting vaccination summary data for residents and healthcare workers.