CDC/NHSN Long-Term Care Facility (LTCF) Component

Summary of Modifications, January 2017

This document summarizes the significant modifications and clarifications made to NHSN Long-Term Care Facility Component. Modifications will apply to events identified on or after January 1, 2017.

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| LTCF Component (all infection events/modules) | - **Annual survey** includes three additional questions added to the antimicrobial stewardship section.  
- **Analysis Reports**: *Number of Core Elements for Antibiotic Stewardship Program (ASP)* line listing (facility and group users) and frequency table (group users only) added to “Advanced” analysis to specify the number of core elements met, as reported by the facility on the annual survey.  
- **Organism lists** include additional organisms as well as updated taxonomy of previously included organisms.  
- **NHSN Key Terms & Acronyms**: New supporting document added to each infection event/module, under Supporting Materials. |
| Urinary Tract Infection (UTI) infection event/module | - **Event Reporting**: The following question “has resident been discharged from an acute care facility in the previous 3 months” was changed to “has resident been discharged from an acute care facility in the previous 4 weeks.”  
- **Denominator**: The following new variable added, “Number of urine cultures ordered.” |
| Laboratory-identified (LabID) Multidrug-Resistant Organism (MDRO) & *Clostridium difficile* Infection (CDI) event/module | - **Definition** of a *C. difficile* positive laboratory assay was updated to specify testing on loose/unformed stool only.  
- **Settings** for LabID Event reporting updated to specify specimens obtained while a resident is receiving care from a LTCF and specimens collected from an emergency department (ED) or outpatient (OP) setting, such as a physician’s office, *during a resident’s current admission* (i.e., no change in current admission date) are eligible for LabID Event reporting. *Note*: Specimens collected prior to admission to the LTCF and during a resident’s *inpatient admission* in another facility continue to be excluded from LabID Event reporting for the LTCF.  
- **Denominator/Summary Data Forms**: Additional, optional form and Table of Instructions added for collecting aggregate LabID Event denominator data (*CDC 57.139- MDRO and CDI LabID Event Reporting. Monthly Summary Data for LTCF*). Facilities may continue to use previous form (*CDC 57.142- Denominators for LTCF*) to collect denominator data.  
- **Analysis Reports**: Foot notes added to CDI LabID Event rate table for additional clarification. |