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National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) LTCF COVID-19 Module Reporting Update

DQA Nursing Home Forum

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CMS Requirement

- **Who:** Skilled nursing facilities
- **What:** Report all four pathways (resident impact, staff impact, PPE/supplies, ventilator capacity)
- **Where:** NHSN LTCF COVID-19 module
- **When:** Weekly, starting May 17
- **Why:** Federal situational awareness, CMS public reporting
- **Consequence to not reporting:** Financial penalties from CMS

Healthcare Settings	COVID-19 Reporting Data Fields	CMS Reporting Deadlines and Frequency
<p><i>CMS-certified Long Term Care Facilities (Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) and/or Nursing Facilities (NFs))</i></p>	(i) Suspected and confirmed COVID-19 infections among residents and staff, including residents previously treated for COVID-19	<p><u>Deadlines:</u> May 17, 2020: facilities must submit first set of data. CMS will provide facilities with an initial two-week grace period to begin reporting cases in the NHSN system (which ends at 11:59 p.m. on May 24, 2020). Facilities that fail to begin reporting after the third week (by 11:59 p.m. on May 31st) will receive a warning letter reminding them to begin reporting the required information to CDC.</p> <p><u>Frequency:</u> Facilities must submit the data through the NHSN at least once every seven days. Facilities may choose to submit multiple times a week. CMS is not prescribing which day of the week the data must be submitted, although reporting should remain consistent with data being submitted on the same day(s) each week. The collection period should also remain consistent (e.g., Monday through Sunday). Each Monday, CMS will review the data submitted to assess if each facility submitted data at least once in the previous seven days. The data pulled each Monday will also be used to update the data that is publicly reported.</p>
	(ii) Total deaths and COVID-19 deaths among residents and staff	
	(iii) Personal protective equipment and hand hygiene supplies in the facility	
	(iv) Ventilator capacity and supplies in the facility	
	(v) Resident beds and census	
	(vi) Access to COVID-19 testing while the resident is in the facility	
	(vii) Staffing shortages	
	(viii) Other information specified by the Secretary	

<https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/covid19/lcfc/cms-covid19-req-508.pdf>

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Center for Clinical Standards and Quality/Quality, Safety & Oversight Group

Ref: QSO-20-29-NH

DATE: May 6, 2020

TO: State Survey Agency Directors

FROM: Director
Quality, Safety & Oversight Group

SUBJECT: Interim Final Rule Updating Requirements for Notification of
Confirmed and Suspected COVID-19 Cases Among Residents and Staff in
Nursing Homes

Memorandum Summary

- CMS is committed to taking critical steps to ensure America's healthcare facilities are prepared to respond to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Public Health Emergency (PHE).
- On May 8, 2020, CMS will publish an interim final rule with comment period.
- **COVID-19 Reporting Requirements:** CMS is requiring nursing homes to report

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-29-nh.pdf>

Enrollment

- Facilities enrolled in NHSN with active users
- Facilities enrolled without active users
- Facilities never enrolled
- Unknown enrollment status

Conferring Rights

- DPH can't see that your facility is enrolled or your data without accepting this data sharing link in NHSN.
- Screenshot guide:
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p02594.pdf>

Wisconsin Stats

- 274 nursing homes conferred rights to DPH
- 221/274 reported COVID data so far:
 - Cumulative confirmed resident cases: 198
 - Cumulative suspect resident cases: 511
 - Cumulative COVID-related resident deaths: 38
 - Cumulative confirmed staff cases: 134

Resources

- NHSN LTC COVID module resources
(enrollment, training, tables of instruction)
<https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/covid19/index.html>
- DPH LTC COVID module overview
<https://livestream.com/dhswebcast/events/9080695/videos/206089144>

Questions?

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