

Upcoming NHSN Long-term Care Release March 2022

Below is important information for the Long-term Care Facility COVID-19 Module regarding modifications for the NHSN release that will occur March 2022. Resources on the [NHSN LTCF COVID-19 Module website](#) will be updated, where indicated, with revised forms, instructions, FAQs and CSV templates. Information regarding training opportunities is also available on the NHSN LTCF COVID-19 Module Website.

Point of Care (POC) Test Reporting Tool:

The following enhancements will be made.

Additional POC devices will be added to the NHSN system. Although some are titled, “home use” they also have been provided POC Emergency Use Authorization by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. If you are using any of these devices, please check the model name and ensure you choose the correct device from the drop-down menu.

- CareStart COVID-19 Antigen Home Test_Access Bio, Inc.
- Celltrion DiaTrust COVID-19 Ag Home Test_Celltrion USA, Inc.
- Celltrion DiaTrust COVID-19 Ag Rapid Test_Celltrion USA, Inc.
- Clinitest Rapid COVID-19 Antigen Self-Test_Siemens Healthineers
- Covid-19 At-Home Test_SD Biosensor, Inc.
- Detect COVID-19 Test _Detect, Inc.
- Ellume.lab COVID Antigen Test_Ellume Limited
- Flowflex COVID-19 Antigen Home Test_ACON Laboratories, Inc.
- GenBody COVID-19 Ag_GenBody Inc.
- iHealth COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test_iHealth Labs, Inc.
- Indicaid COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test_PHASE Scientific International, Ltd.
- InteliSwab COVID-19 Rapid Test- _OraSure Technologies, Inc.
- InteliSwab COVID-19 Rapid Test **RX**_OraSure Technologies, Inc.
- MaximBio ClearDetect COVID-19 Antigen Home Test_Maxim Biomedical, Inc.
- Nano-Check COVID-19 Antigen Test_Nano-Ditech Corp.
- NIDS COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test Kit_ANP Technologies, Inc.
- SCoV-2 Ag Detect Rapid Test_InBios International, Inc.
- SCoV-2 Detect IgG Rapid Test_InBios International, Inc.
- Sofia 2 Flu + SARS Antigen FIA_Quidel Corporation
- SPERA COVID-19 Ag Test_Xtrava Health
- Talis One COVID-19 Test System_Talis Biomedical Corporation
- UOL COVID-19 Test_Uh-Oh Labs Inc.
- Xpert Xpress CoV-2/Flu/RSV plus_Cepheid

COVID-19 Pathway Data Reporting:

There will be an update to the “Save” function within the user interface. Each COVID-19 Pathway will have the functionality to be saved independently from the other pathways. The user will be able to enter data for any of the COVID-19 Surveillance Pathways and save that data without the need to enter or record data in other pathways prior to saving.

The reporting guidance has not changed for the COVID-19 Surveillance Pathways. Please continue to use the table of instructions for each pathway to indicate reporting guidelines. [The COVID-19 Module Webpage](#) also offers several resources for the COVID-19 Surveillance Pathways including forms, instructions, CSV file layout documents, CSV templates, and guidance documents.

Please refer to the below data reporting pathways to learn about enhancements that will be made within each pathway.

Resident Impact and Facility Capacity Pathway:

No enhancements

Staff and Personnel Impact Pathway:

No enhancements

Supplies and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Pathway:

One of the options within the "Need for Government Support or Assistance" section will be removed. Specifically, the option below will be removed from the question "Would your facility like outreach by local and/or state government for assistance with any of the items below?"

COVID-19 Vaccine Access (Residents and/or Staff)

The form and the user interface will reflect this update.

The Table of Instructions, file layout documents, and csv templates located in the [COVID-19 Module webpage](#) will also be updated appropriately.

Therapeutics Pathway:

No enhancements

State Veterans Homes COVID-19 Event Reporting Tool

No enhancements

Weekly NHSN COVID-19 Vaccination Data Modules

The NHSN Vaccination Team is providing two webinars on **Tuesday, March 29th and Thursday, March 31st at 2:00 PM** Eastern Time to review the new Event-Level COVID-19 Vaccination Forms. These are currently called the Data Tracking Worksheets that are available to facilities in an Excel spreadsheet format. This worksheet has now been built into the NHSN application for long-term care facilities (other modules coming soon!) to manage person-level vaccination data.

During the webinars, long-term care facilities will learn how to use this feature, which will allow them to manage person-level vaccination data directly in the application for the COVID-19 Vaccination Modules. Based on the person-level data, the application will calculate the cumulative totals for the weekly vaccination forms, and users will review the totals and submit.

Registration information for both webinars was sent to facilities this week. Both webinars have the same content, so you only need to register and attend one of the webinars.

For questions about any of these updates, please send an e-mail to the NHSN Helpdesk at NHSN@cdc.gov with the subject line identifying the topic of the message.