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Important:

- The information provided in this communication serves as a notification of upcoming changes. **We anticipate posting revised guidance based on the updated requirements outlined below in the coming weeks.** Until then, please continue to follow the current [hospital COVID-19 reporting guidance](#).
- This information does not apply to Long-term Care Facilities or Dialysis Facilities. It also does not impact Healthcare Personnel (HCP) COVID-19 Vaccination.
- State and jurisdictional partners may have reporting requirements related to or independent of the federal reporting requirements. Facilities are encouraged to work with relevant State, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) partners to ensure complete reporting.

Dear NHSN Users,

Thank you for your continued partnership on COVID-19 hospital data reporting. The COVID-19-related data reporting is important in supporting surveillance of, and response to, COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses. We appreciate your continued efforts on completing this important reporting.

In its [FY 2023 Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System \(IPPS\) and Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System \(LTCH PPS\) Final Rule \(CMS-1771-F\)](#), the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) finalized a revision to the hospital, critical access hospital (CAH), psychiatric facility, and rehabilitation facility infection prevention and control conditions of participation (CoP)

requirements. The CoP required hospitals, CAHs, and psychiatric and rehabilitation facilities to continue reporting on a reduced number of COVID-19 data elements after the conclusion of the current COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE) until April 30, 2024, unless the Secretary establishes an earlier ending date.

The NHSN team is currently planning for implementation of updated hospital reporting guidance. Please see details below.

Overview of COVID-19 Hospital Data Guidance Updates

Two primary changes will be implemented for the COVID-19 hospital data reporting guidance post-public health emergency, in accordance with the CMS Conditions of Participation cited above:

1. Data element reduction

o The number of data elements required to be reported to CDC will be reduced from 62 elements to 44 elements.

o Fields that will no longer be required and will be made optional:

- 10a: Total hospitalized pediatric suspected or laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 patients
- 11: Hospitalized and ventilated COVID-19 patients - Patients currently hospitalized in an adult, pediatric, or neonatal inpatient bed who have suspected or laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 and are on a mechanical ventilator
- 12a: Total ICU adult suspected or laboratory- confirmed COVID-19 patients
- 13: Hospital onset - Total current inpatients with onset of suspected or laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 fourteen or more days after admission for a condition other than COVID-19
- 17b: Previous day's adult admissions with suspected COVID-19 and breakdown by age bracket: 18-19 • 20-29 • 30-39 • 40-49 • 50-59 • 60-69 • 70-79 • 80+ • Unknown
- 18b: Previous day's pediatric admissions with suspected COVID-19
- 19: Previous day total ED visits
- 20: Previous day total COVID-19-related ED visits

o All reporting processes will remain the same.

2. Weekly reporting cadence

- Reporting cadence will change from a daily requirement to a weekly requirement, with values reported for each day of the previous week (defined as Sunday – Saturday) by the submission deadline of Tuesday. For example: Data for Sunday, April 9 – Saturday, April 15 would need to be submitted by end of day Tuesday, April 18.

- The compliance enforcement period will be expanded from 14 days to 28 days; more detailed information on the new compliance processes will be provided in the coming weeks.

Timeline

- The changes described in this message will take effect shortly after the conclusion of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE). The PHE will end on May 11, 2023, and we anticipate implementing these changes in the weeks following that date. **There will be no changes prior to then.** More communications will follow with exact dates for implementation of these changes.

Webinar Opportunities

The NHSN team will hold optional, identical webinars next week to provide a more detailed presentation of the guidance updates and an opportunity for questions.

Tuesday, May 2, 2023, from 2:30 – 3:30pm ET

https://cdc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_SPg5TXIXQF2_Dcg4nbSwQg

Thursday, May 4, 2023, from 3-4pm ET

https://cdc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_mr4Npm4bRribpS-ERDhWpA

Please reach out to NHSN@cdc.gov using the subject line “COVID-19 Hospital” with any questions.

Thank you, and we look forward to speaking with you soon.

The NHSN Team

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