

Key points: Changes to the Healthcare Personnel Component COVID-19 Vaccination Forms following the NHSN May 2022 release

The NHSN Vaccination Team hosted a webinar for Updates to Weekly COVID-19 Vaccination Data Reporting Form for the Healthcare Personnel Safety (HPS) Component on Wednesday, May 25th. During this webinar, CDC provided facilities with an overview of the recent changes and updates we implemented to simplify the Weekly COVID-19 Vaccination Data Collection Form in NHSN for healthcare personnel.

We wanted to provide a few key reminders regarding COVID-19 Vaccination Module surveillance.

Reminders:

- **Monthly Reporting Plan (MRP).** This form collected data on which months a facility intended to submit COVID-19 vaccination data in the NHSN HPS Component. This step was required prior to submission of Weekly COVID-19 Vaccination Module data. **The MRP will no longer be required to complete prior to reporting your COVID-19 vaccination data in NHSN.** As a reminder, facility types that are part of a CMS Quality Reporting Program will still need to continue to submit COVID-19 vaccination data via the Weekly COVID-19 Vaccination Module for at least one week per month to fulfill CMS reporting requirements.

Up to Date Vaccination: NHSN's surveillance definition of up to date with COVID-19 vaccines is based on CDC's clinical considerations and up-to-date definition **for the first day of the reporting quarter.** Please refer to the guidance

here: <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/hps/covidvax/UpToDateGuidance-May2022-508.pdf> for definitions of key terms related to COVID-19 vaccination for the purpose of NHSN public health surveillance. For the purpose of surveillance tracking, an NHSN surveillance definition must remain stable for a reporting quarter and will not be updated until the following quarter if CDC's clinical considerations and up-to-date definition change.

- **Booster Doses.** It is required to report booster doses in the Weekly COVID-19 Vaccination Data Reporting Forms. Collection of data on booster doses has been a required field in the NHSN application since August 2021. If your facility does not collect booster doses, you should work with your facility to begin collecting these data going forward. We also encourage you to enter booster data retrospectively for past months, if possible.
- **Simplification:** Beginning with data reported for weeks in June 2022, facilities will no longer be asked to provide counts of primary or booster doses by vaccine manufacturer. We will also no longer collect information on vaccine supply beginning with June 2022. Data submitted for reporting weeks prior to June 2022 will still require vaccine manufacturer information and answers to vaccine supply questions.
- **Data Tracking Worksheet:** Facilities can continue to use the COVID-19 vaccination data tracking worksheet to assist them with data reporting. CDC is currently revising this worksheet to reflect the changes outlined above. An updated version will be posted to the NHSN website as soon as it is available.

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Resources:

For specific information about CMS reporting requirements, please contact the programs listed below for specific facility types:

- Inpatient quality reporting program (hospitals): iqr@hsag.com
- PPS-exempt cancer hospital quality reporting program: QRFormsSubmission@hsag.com
- Inpatient psychiatric facility quality reporting program: IPFQualityReporting@hsag.com
- Inpatient rehabilitation facility quality reporting program: questions@cms.hhs.gov
- Long-term acute care quality reporting program: LTCHQualityQuestions@cms.hhs.gov
- ASCs: https://cmsqualitysupport.servicenowservices.com/qnet_qa?id=ask_a_question