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# National Healthcare Safety Network Question and Answer Session

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# Scheduling Update

Nov. 23 – **Cancelled, Happy Thanksgiving!**

Nov. 30 – Session will be held as usual.

Dec. 7 – Session will be held as usual.

Dec. 14 – **Cancelled**

Dec. 21 – Session will be held as usual.

Dec. 28 – **Cancelled, Happy Holidays!**

Jan. 4 – **Cancelled, Happy New Year!**

Sessions will resume on a normal cadence beginning Jan. 11

# Objectives

- Answer questions about reporting into the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN).
- Describe tips and tricks for NHSN.
- Provide resources for NHSN education.

# What are Event Level Vaccination forms?

- A way of tracking and submitting resident and health care professional vaccination information within NHSN.
- Allows you to track and submit information at the person-level.
- NHSN automatically calculates and displays weekly totals.
  - No more manual calculation.

# Do I have to report vaccination information on Sundays?

- No, if you are reporting weekly you can choose the day you report your vaccination numbers.
- For example, a nursing home can report COVID-19 vaccination data to NHSN every Wednesday.

# How do you enroll someone in NHSN?

- [How to add a new NHSN user.](#)
- New user will receive an email – “Welcome to NHSN”
- Accept the NHSN Rules of Behavior and complete registration.
- Within three days receive “Invitation to Register with SAMS”
- Go through identity proofing (Experian or Document Review).
- Receive welcome emails from SAMS.
- Login through SAMS using grid card or “entrust” app.

# If our NHSN Facility Administrator no longer works here, how do we change the administrator in NHSN?

- Reactive vs. Proactive
- Page 2 of the [NHSN Long Term Care Facility Component Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) from the CDC, outlines two options for re-assigning the NHSN Facility Administrator. If the person previously in this role is no longer at the facility, that process is outlined in “Option 2.”

# NHSN COVID-19 Vaccination Modules

## COVID-19 Up to Date Status

NHSN Reporting Period, Sept. 26, 2022 – Dec. 25, 2022

- Most individuals are considered up to date if they have received the bivalent booster.
- Question Five – enter only those that meet the up-to-date definition.
- Correct prior weeks if applicable.

# No Weekly NHSN Data Changes?

- Report same numbers as last week.
- Caution
  - New staff and residents may leave and join the facility which could change the number of vaccinations even though no new vaccines were given.



# Correcting Inaccurate Data: Why Data Validation is Important

Data accuracy refers to error-free records that can be used as a reliable source of information.

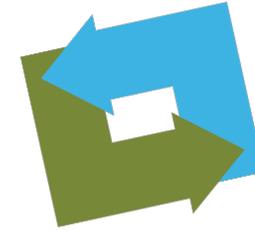
- Part of the facility NGSN agreement.
- External organizations utilize NGSN data which may have payment and/or regulatory implications.
- Monitor facility performance and driving prevention activities leads to quality of care.

# Where do I go to find resources for NHSN?

- CDC [NHSN Long-Term Care Facility COVID-19 Module webpage](#)
  - Scroll down to the “Training” section for slides and recordings from recent trainings.
  - The [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services \(CMS\) Requirements webpage](#)
    - [CMS COVID-19 NHSN Reporting Requirements for Nursing Homes](#)

# Questions?

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