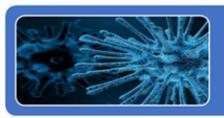


National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN)

Long-Term Care Facility (LTCF)
COVID-19 Data Quality Webinar

Discussion for Today

- Describe commonly observed reporting errors in COVID-19 counts data
- Provide examples of best practices in reporting COVID-19 counts in the NHSN COVID-19 module to improve data accuracy
- Describe how to correct reporting errors in the NHSN COVID-19 module



Four Pathways for Reporting



Resident Impact and Facility Capacity



Staff and Personnel Impact



Supplies and Personal Protective Equipment



Ventilator Capacity and Supplies

COVID-19 Module Count Data Elements

Admissions

Confirmed COVID-19
counts

Suspected COVID-19
counts

Total deaths

COVID-19 related deaths

Resident beds versus

census

Staff and Personnel Impact

Confirmed COVID-19 counts

Suspected COVID-19 counts

COVID-19 related deaths

Ventilator Capacity and Supplies

Total available mechanical ventilators

Total mechanical ventilators in use by suspected or confirmed COVID-19 residents

Common Reporting Errors

Error#1: Rolling Over Counts from Previous Day

Date	Admissions	Confirmed	Suspected	Total Deaths	COVID-19 deaths
5/8/2020	5	4	20	10	10
5/9/2020	6	4	20 🗮	10	10
5/10/2020	6	4	20	10	10
5/11/2020	6 👡	6	20	10	10
5/12/2020	8	6	20	10	10
5/13/2020	8	7	20	10	10
5/14/2020	8	7	20	10	10

Error#2: Excluding COVID-19 Deaths from Total Death count

Date	Total Deaths	COVID-19 Deaths
5/8/2020	5	4
5/9/2020	0	5
5/10/2020	4	2
5/11/2020	1	1
5/12/2020	2	5
5/13/2020	4	4
5/14/2020	0	5

Error#3: Missing Data for Counts

0 = 0 Counts Blank = Missing data

Date	Admissions	Confirmed	Suspected	Total Deaths	COVID-19 deaths
5/8/2020	0	1	0	0	0
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5/9/2020			0		
5/10/2020	1	0	2	3	

Error#4: Missing or Incomplete Reporting in one or more Pathways



Click a cell to begin entering data on the day for which counts are reported.



Error#5: Missing or 0 for "Number of ventilators available" in facilities with ventilator dependent units and /or beds

Do you have ventilator dependent unit and/or beds	
in our facility?	Υ
Number of Mechanical ventilators	× 0
Mechanical ventilators in use	0

Implications of Incorrect Data Entry

- Incorrect data shared with Centers Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
 - Publicly reported and accessible
- Inaccurate assessment of resource needs
 - The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provisions of PPE supplies
 - White House Task force providing of testing supplies
 - CDC Emergency Response deployment of response teams
- Unreliable data for re-opening determinations

Improving Data Accuracy

Case Study Worksheet for DHQP Skilled Nursing data – Week 1

5/22 – 5/28	ADMISSIONS	CONFIRMED	SUSPECTED	TOTAL DEATHS	COVID-19 DEATHS
Friday 5/22	3	1	7	1	0
Saturday 5/23	0	3	0	5	1
Sunday 5/24	0	0	2	0	0
Monday 5/25	5	5	6	0	0
Tuesday 5/26	1	2	1	3	2
Wednesday 5/27	0	1	2	0	0
Thursday 5/28	1	0	0	0	0

Case Study Worksheet for DHQP Skilled Nursing data – Week 2

5/29 - 6/4	ADMISSIONS	CONFIRMED	SUSPECTED	TOTAL DEATHS	COVID-19 DEATHS
Friday 5/29	1	0	0	1	1
Saturday 5/30	0	3	4	2	1
Sunday 5/31	0	0	2	0	0
Monday 6/1	1	2	1	3	2
Tuesday 6/2	0	1	5	1	1
Wednesday 6/3	0	3	0	0	0
Thursday 6/4	2	1	0	3	1

Reporting Weekly Counts

Surveillance Tips



Maintain consistency in data collection and reporting



Use a line list or NHSN data collection forms to assist with data collection

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Monday 5/25	5	5	6	0	0
Tuesday 5/26	1	2	1	3	2
Wednesday 5/27	0	1	2	0	0
Thursday 5/28	1	0	0	0	0
Weekly Total to be entered in NHSN	10	12	18	9	3

Case Study Worksheet for DHQP Skilled Nursing data – Week 2

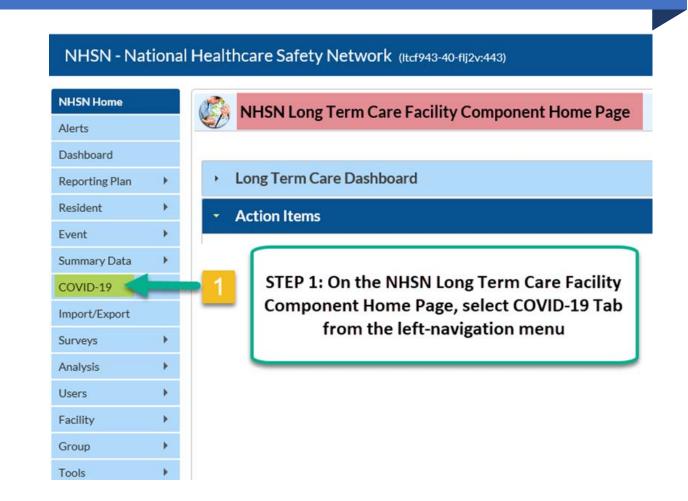
- Do no carry over cumulative cases from previous day.
- Choose to enter weekly or non-weekly not both
- Total deaths counts include all deaths including COVID-19 deaths
- Do not remove previously entered data if resident status changes

5/29 - 6/4	ADMISSIONS	CONFIRMED	SUSPECTED	TOTAL DEATHS	COVID-19 DEATHS
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Saturday 5/30	0	3	4	2	1
Sunday 5/31	0	0	2	0	0
Monday 6/1	0	2	1	3	2
Tuesday 6/2	0	1	5	1	1
Wednesday 6/3	0	3	0	0	0
Thursday 6/4	2	1	0	3	1
Weekly Total to be entered in NHSN*	3	10	12	10	6

^{*}Only if data was not previously entered for that week.

Select COVID-19 tab on the left navigation menu of the NHSN Home Page.

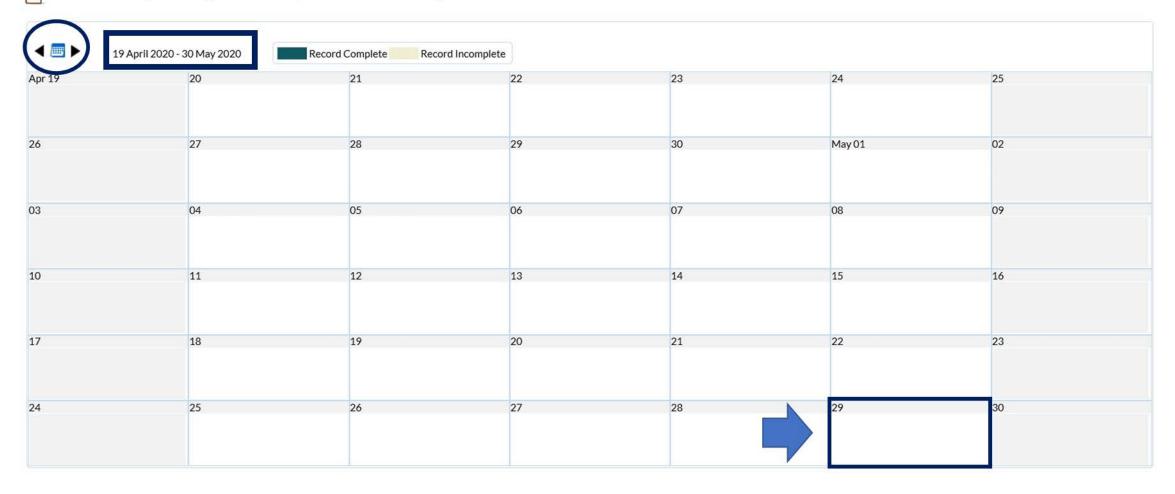
• **Note:** The NHSN home page may look different depending on facility access to other reporting options. However, the functionality for the COVID-19 Module is the **same** for all LTCFs.



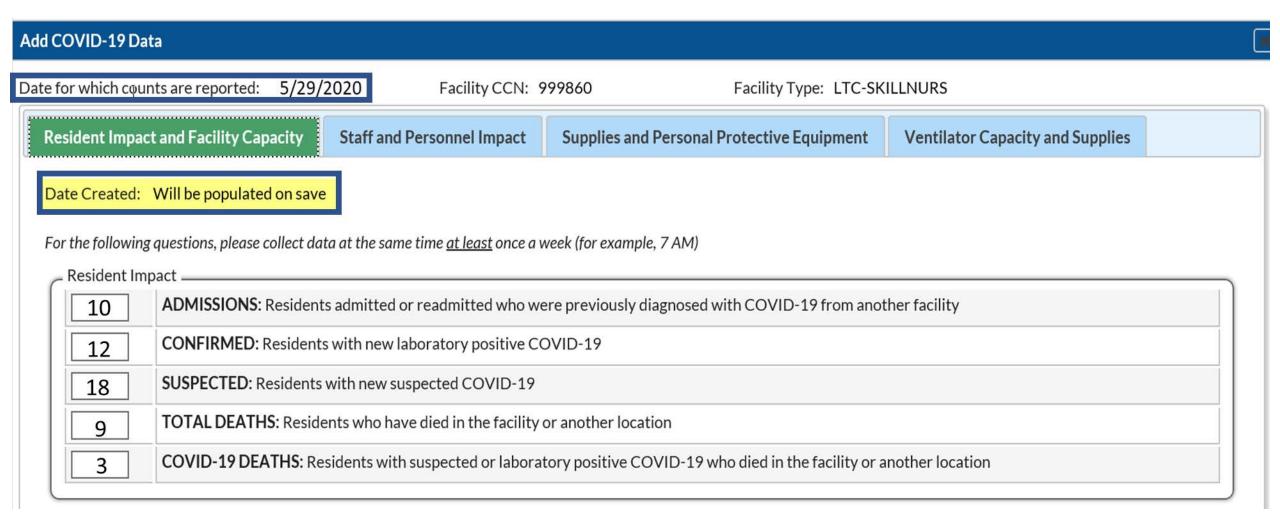
Improving Data Accuracy: Resident Impact and Facility Capacity



Click a cell to begin entering data on the day for which counts are reported.



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Week: 5/22 - 5/28	10	12	18	9	3



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Week: 5/29 - 6/04	3	10	12	10	6

Add COVID-19 Data

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Date for which counts are reported: 6/05/2020 Facility CCN: 999860 Facility Type: LTC-SKILLNURS

Resident Impact and Facility Capacity

Staff and Personnel Impact

Supplies and Personal Protective Equipment

Ventilator Capacity and Supplies

Date Created: Will be populated on save

For the following questions, please collect data at the same time <u>at least</u> once a week (for example, 7 AM)

Resident Impact

3 ADMISSIONS: Residents admitted or readmitted who were previously diagnosed with COVID-19 from another facility

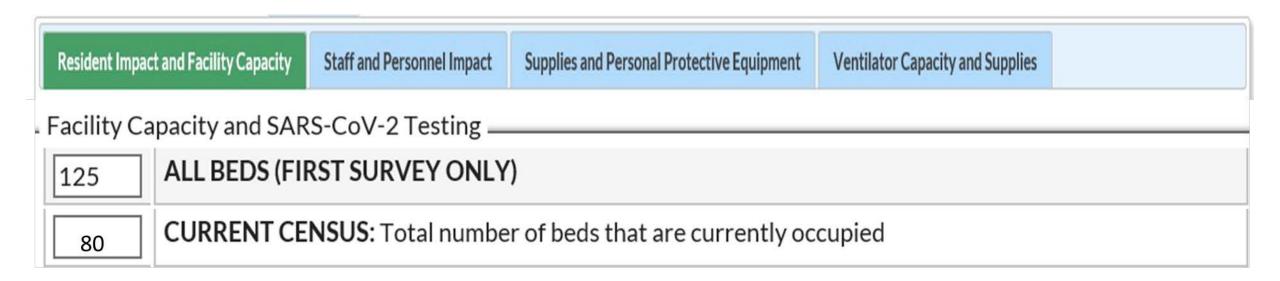
10 CONFIRMED: Residents with new laboratory positive COVID-19

SUSPECTED: Residents with new suspected COVID-19

TOTAL DEATHS: Residents who have died in the facility or another location

COVID-19 DEATHS: Residents with suspected or laboratory positive COVID-19 who died in the facility or another location

Facility Capacity – Number of beds and Current Census



Facility Capacity — SARS-CoV-2 Testing

Resident Impact and Facility Capacity

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	RESIDENTS
	s the LTCF have the ability to perform or to obtain resources for performing COVID-19 icleic acid or antigen) on all current residents within the next 7 days, if needed?
If NO, indicate	reason(s) below (select all that apply):
	commended personal protective equipment (PPE) for personnel to wear during collection
Lack of su	applies for specimen collection
Lack of ac	ccess to a laboratory for submitting specimens
Lack of ac	ccess to trained personnel to perform testing (including internal and external resources)
Uncertair	nty about testing reimbursement
Other	
	two weeks, on average how long did it take your LTCF to receive COVID-19 viral antigen) test results of residents?
	ate of data entry in the Module, has your LTCF performed COVID-19 viral testing on No 🗸
If YES, indicate	the reason COVID-19 testing was performed (Check all that apply):
Testing re	esidents with new signs/symptoms consistent with COVID-19
Testing as COVID-1	symptomatic residents on a unit/section of the facility in response to a new case with 9
Testing as	symptomatic residents, facility-wide in response to a new case with COVID-19
Testing as	symptomatic residents without a known exposure to COVID-19 as part of surveillance
☐ None of t	he above: testing of another subgroup of residents occurred

Facility Capacity — SARS-CoV-2 Testing

Resident Impact and Facility Capacity

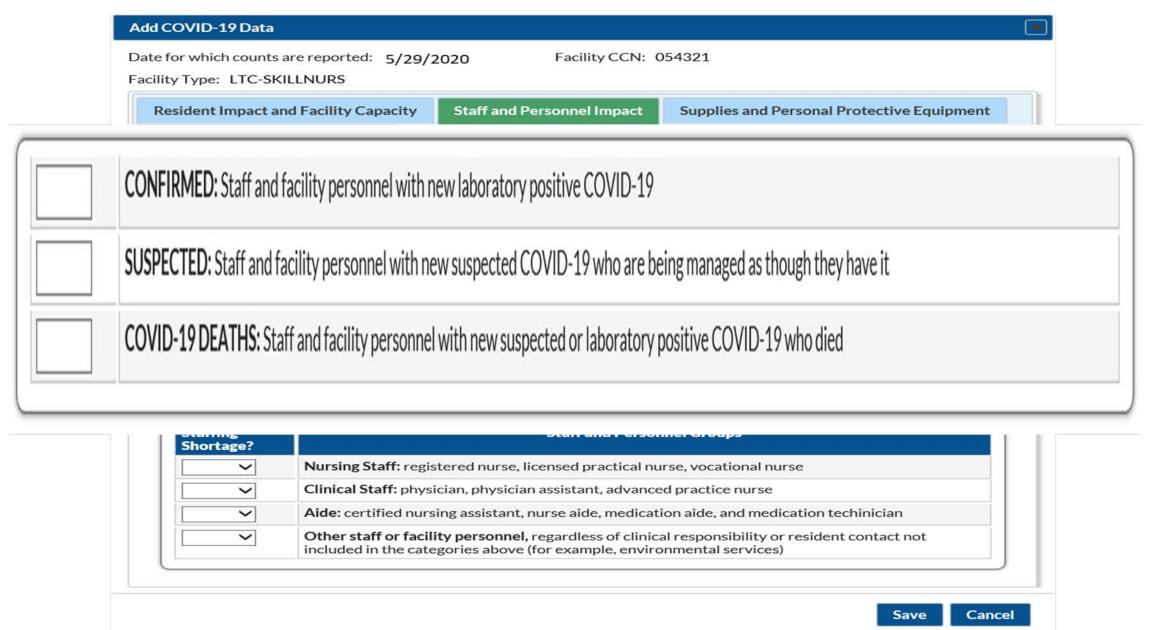
Staff and Personnel Impact

Supplies and Personal Protective Equipment

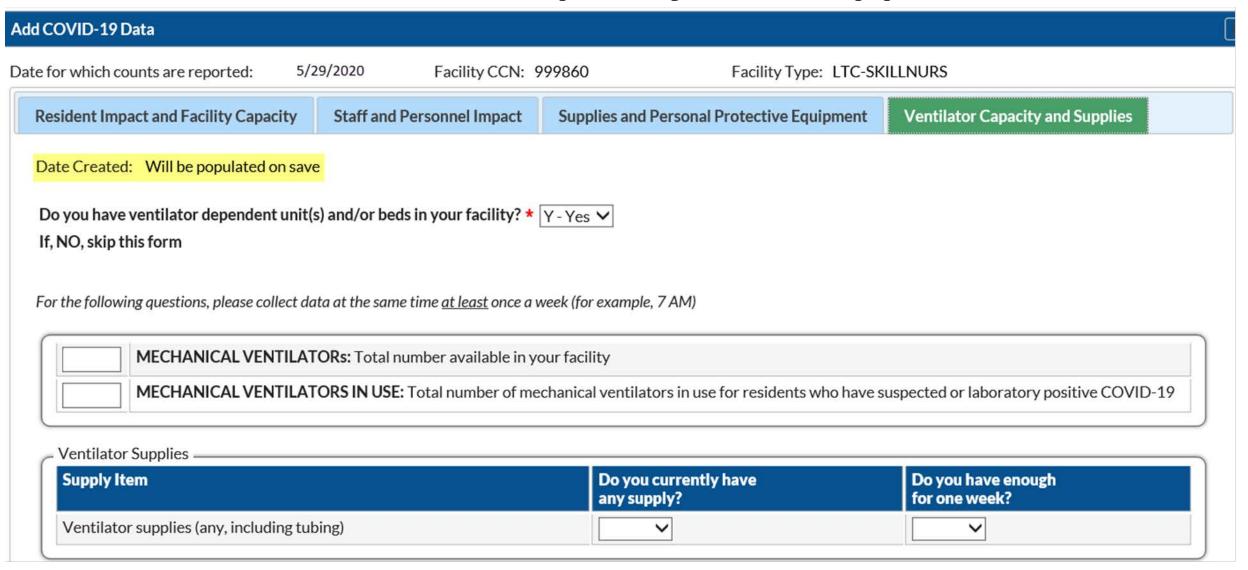
Ventilator Capacity and Supplies

nclud	STAFF AND PERSONNEL des anyone working or volunteering in the facility, such as contractors, temporary staff, resident care givers, shared staff, etc.
	TESTING: Does the LTCF have the ability to perform or to obtain resources for performing COVID-19 viral testing (nucleic acid or antigen) on all staff and/or facility personnel within the next 7 days, if needed? Y-Yes Y
	If NO, indicate reason(s) below (Check all that apply):
	 Lack of recommended personal protective equipment (PPE) for personnel to wear during specimen collection
	Lack of supplies for specimen collection
	Lack of access to a laboratory for submitting specimens
	 Lack of access to trained personnel to perform testing (including internal and external resources) Uncertainty about testing reimbursement Other
	On average, how long does it take your LTCF to receive COVID-19 viral (nucleic acid or antigen) test results of staff and/or facility personnel? 3-7 days
	Since the last date of data entry in the Module, has your LTCF performed COVID-19 viral testing on staff and/or facility personnel? N - No V
	If YES, indicate the reason COVID-19 testing was performed (Check all that apply):
	■ Testing staff and/or facility personnel with new signs/symptoms consistent with COVID-19
	Testing asymptomatic staff and/or facility personnel on a unit/section of the facility in response to a new case with COVID-19
	Testing asymptomatic staff and/or facility personnel facility-wide in response to a new case with COVID-19
	Testing asymptomatic staff and/or facility personnel without a known exposure to COVID-19 as part of surveillance
	None of the above: testing of another subgroup of staff and/or facility personnel occurred

Staff and Personnel Impact

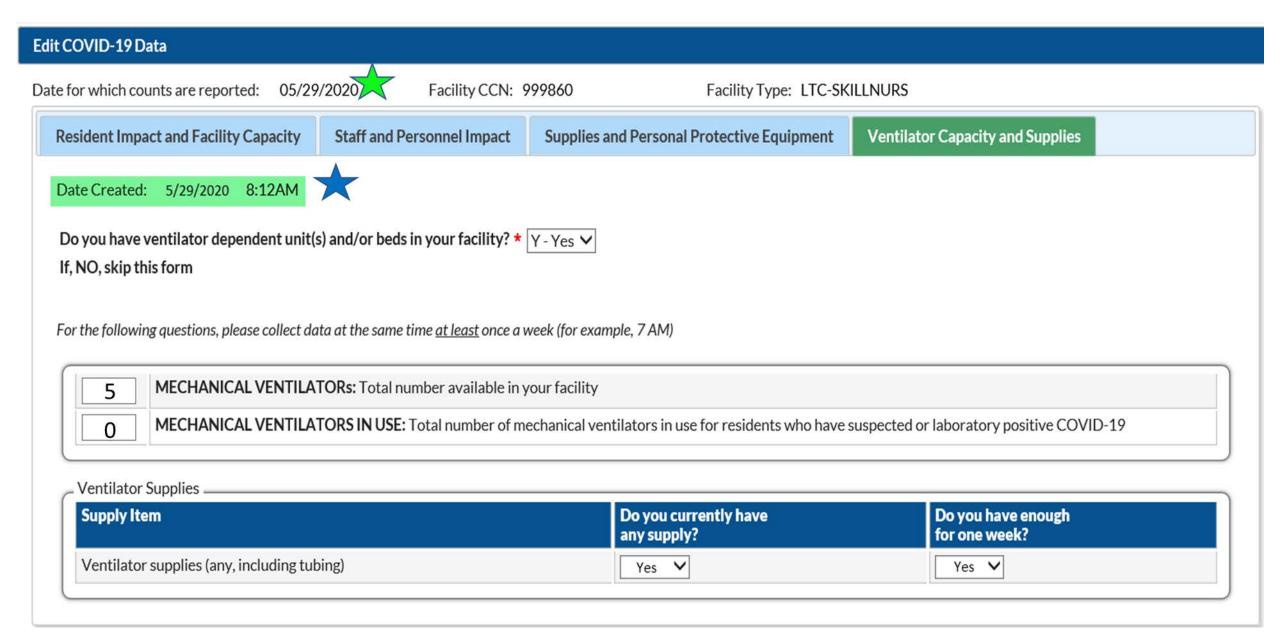


Ventilator Capacity and Supplies





Completed Report : Ventilator Capacity and Supplies



Reporting Daily Counts

Surveillance Tips



Maintain consistency in data collection and reporting



Use a line list or NHSN data collection forms to document daily counts

	NEW ADMITS	NEW CONFIRMED	NEW SUSPECTED	NEW TOTAL DEATHS	NEW COVID-19 DEATHS
Friday 5/29	1	0	0	1	1

Add COVID-19 Data

Date for which counts are reported: 5/29/2020 Facility CCN: 999860 Facility Type: LTC-SKILLNURS

Resident Impact and Facility Capacity

Staff and Personnel Impact

Supplies and Personal Protective Equipment

Ventilator Capacity and Supplies

Date Created: Will be populated on save

For the following questions, please collect data at the same time <u>at least</u> once a week (for example, 7 AM)

Resident Impact

ADMISSIONS: Residents admitted or readmitted who were previously diagnosed with COVID-19 from another facility

CONFIRMED: Residents with new laboratory positive COVID-19

SUSPECTED: Residents with new suspected COVID-19

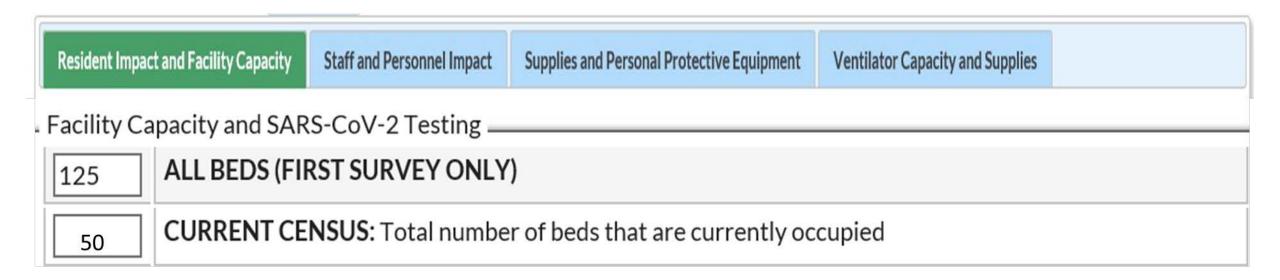
TOTAL DEATHS: Residents who have died in the facility or another location

COVID-19 DEATHS: Residents with suspected or laboratory positive COVID-19 who died in the facility or another location

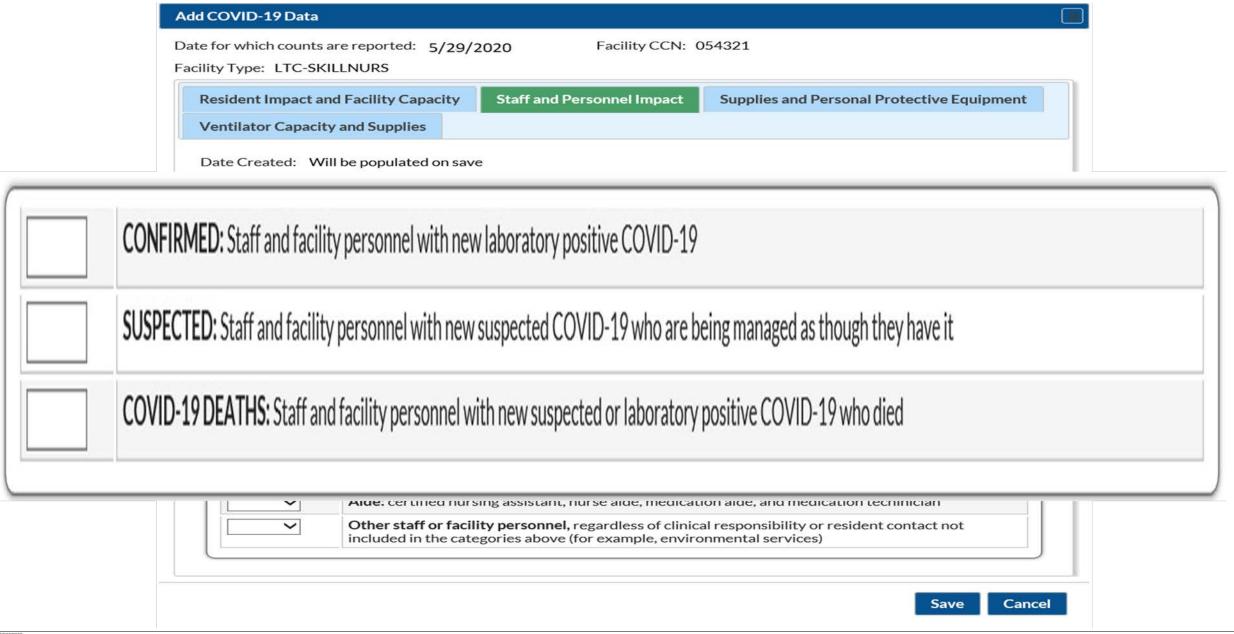
	NEW ADMITS	NEW CONFIRMED	NEW SUSPECTED	NEW TOTAL DEATHS	NEW COVID-19 DEATHS
05/29/2020	1	0	0	1	1
5/30/2020	0	3	4	2	1

Add COVID-19 Data Date for which counts are reported: 5/30/2020 Facility CCN: 999860 Facility Type: LTC-SKILLNURS Resident Impact and Facility Capacity **Staff and Personnel Impact Supplies and Personal Protective Equipment Ventilator Capacity and Supplies** Date Created: Will be populated on save For the following questions, please collect data at the same time at least once a week (for example, 7 AM) Resident Impact = **ADMISSIONS:** Residents admitted or readmitted who were previously diagnosed with COVID-19 from another facility **CONFIRMED:** Residents with new laboratory positive COVID-19 **SUSPECTED:** Residents with new suspected COVID-19 **TOTAL DEATHS:** Residents who have died in the facility or another location COVID-19 DEATHS: Residents with suspected or laboratory positive COVID-19 who died in the facility or another location

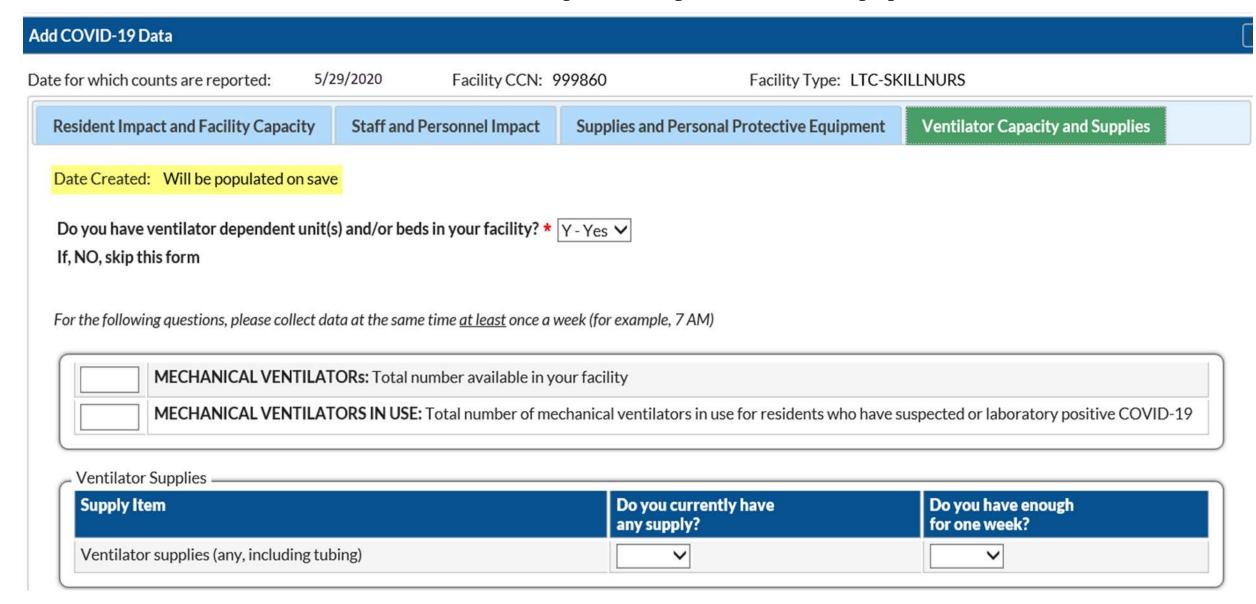
Facility Capacity - Number of beds and Current Census



Staff and Personnel Impact



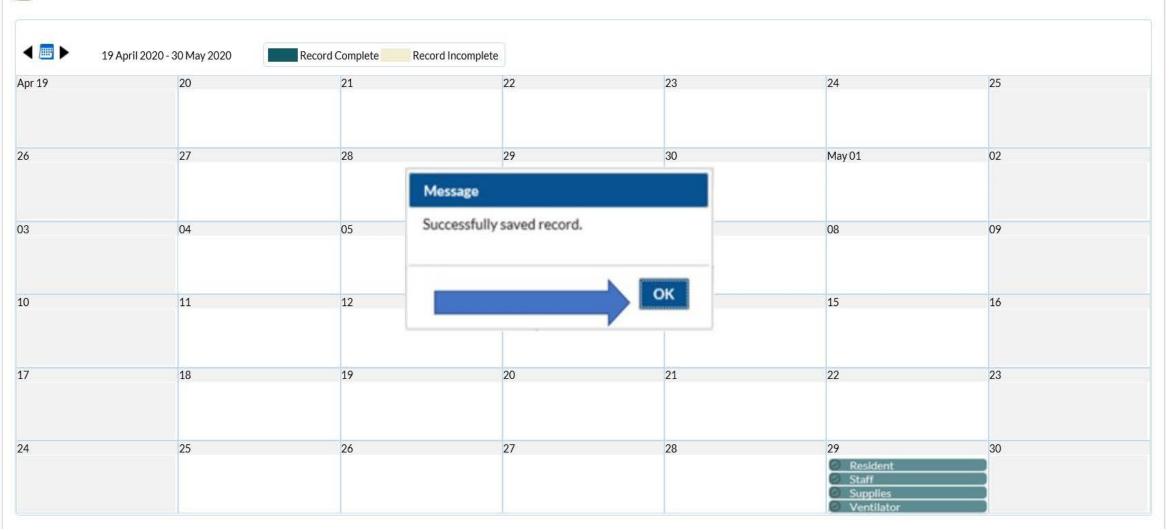
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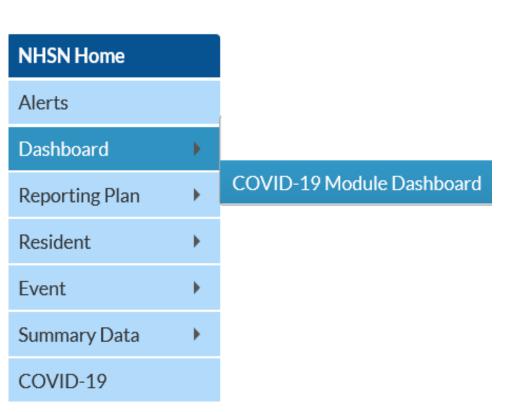


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Viewing Reported Data

NHSN LTCF COVID-19 Module Facility Dashboard

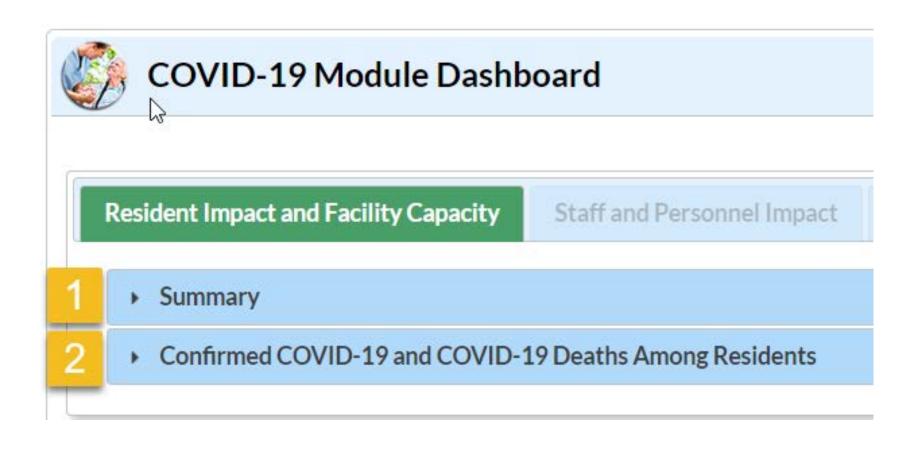


 Summary of the data entered in the COVID-19 Module

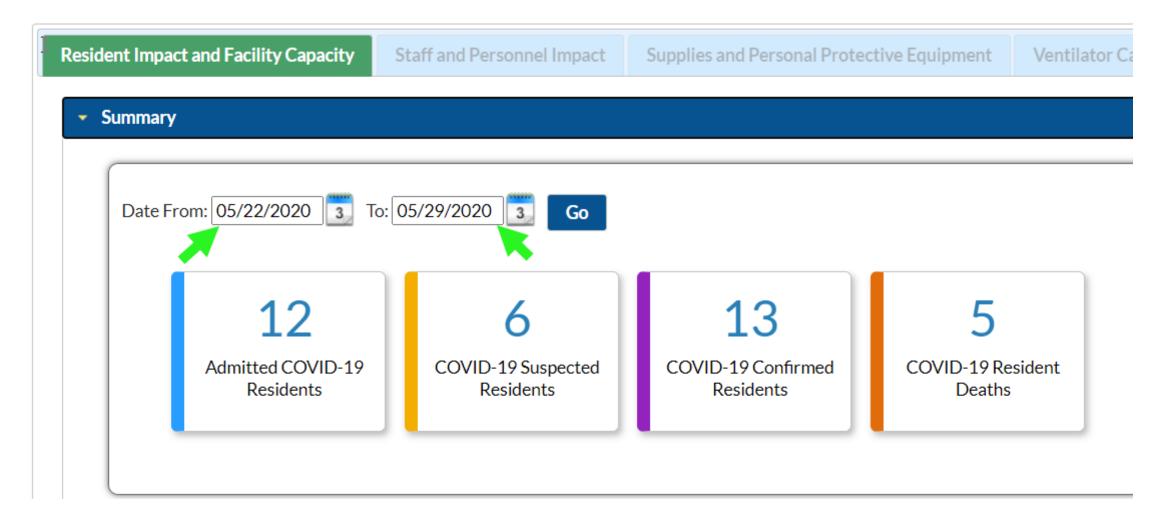
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 The dashboard is best viewed using Microsoft Edge, Google Chrome, and Safari internet browsers

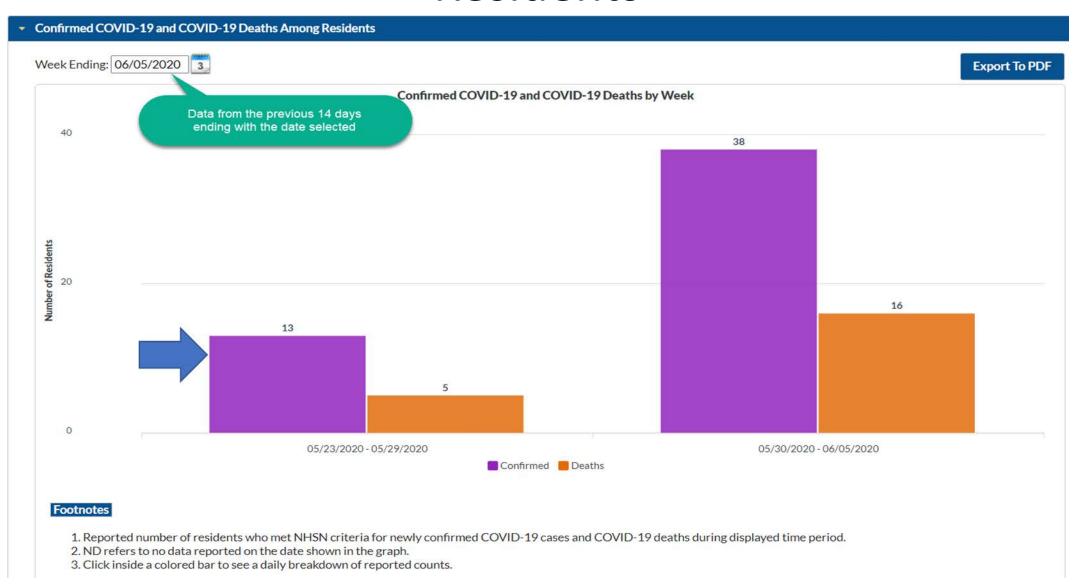
NHSN LTCF COVID-19 Module Facility Dashboard



Summary



Confirmed COVID-19 and COVID-19 Deaths among Residents



Confirmed COVID-19 and COVID-19 Deaths Among Residents Week Ending: 06/05/2020 3 **Export To PDF** Confirmed COVID-19 and COVID-19 Deaths by Week Confirmed COVID-19 and COVID-19 Deaths by Day 40 38 16 13 ND ND ND ND 0 0 0 05/23/2020 - 05/29/2020 05/30/2020 - 06/05/2020 05/23/2020 05/24/2020 05/25/2020 05/26/2020 05/27/2020 05/28/2020 05/29/2020 Confirmed Deaths Confirmed Deaths **Footnotes**

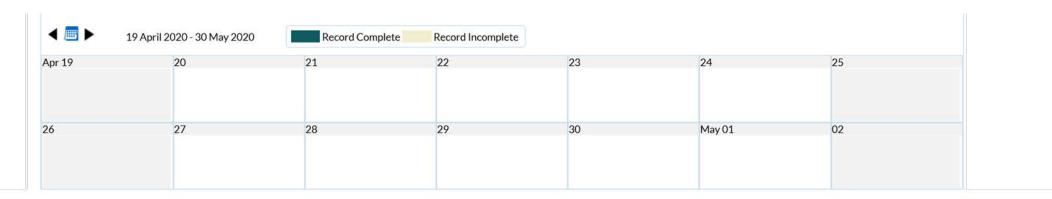
- 1. Reported number of residents who met NHSN criteria for newly confirmed COVID-19 cases and COVID-19 deaths during displayed time period.
- 2. ND refers to no data reported on the date shown in the graph.
- 3. Click inside a colored bar to see a daily breakdown of reported counts.

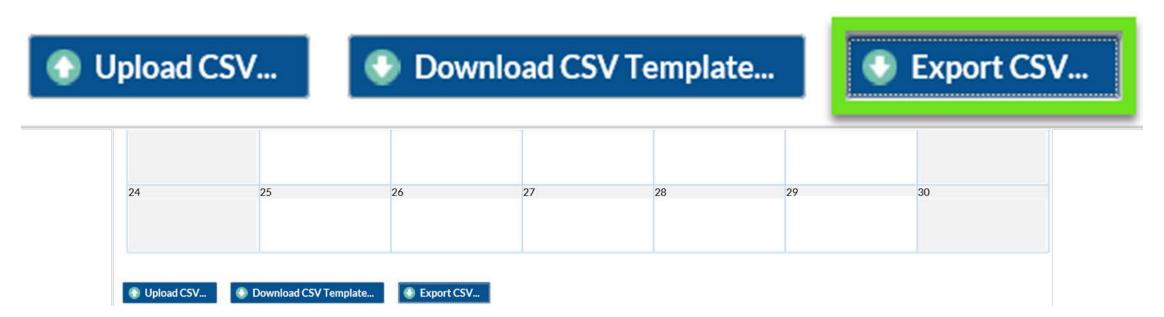
NHSN LTCF COVID-19 Module Dashboard

- Facility user guide for using LTCF COVID-19 dashboard:
 - https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/covid19/ltcf/fac-db-508.pdf
- Group user guide for LTCF COVID-19 dashboard:
 - https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/covid19/ltcf/grp-db-508.pdf

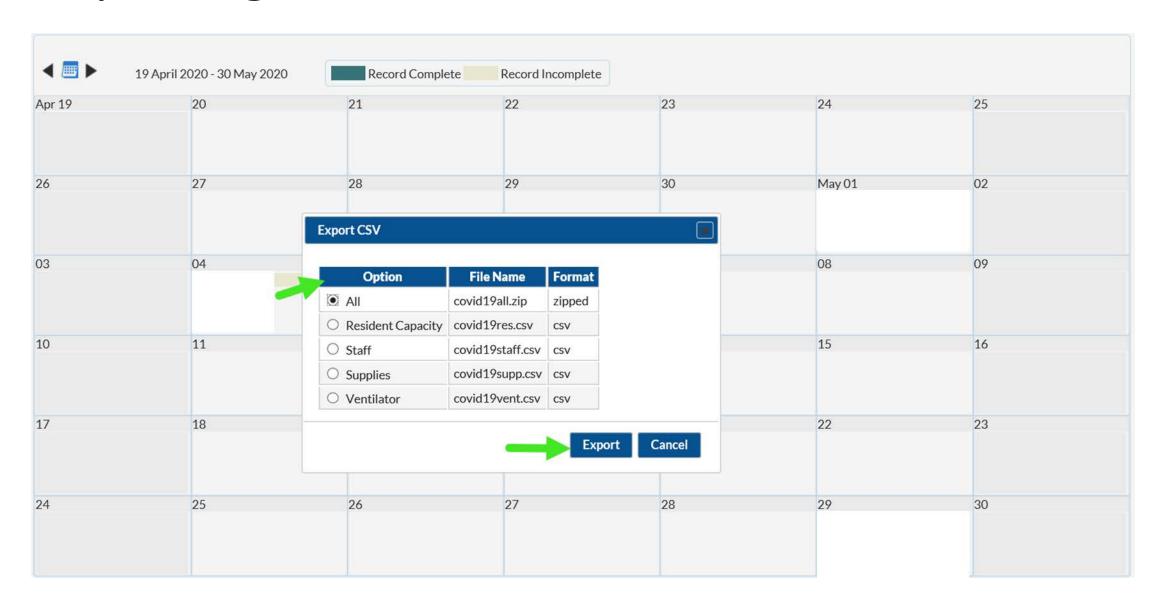
Exporting Reported Data

Exporting Data from NHSN COVID-19 Module





Exporting data from NHSN COVID-19 Module

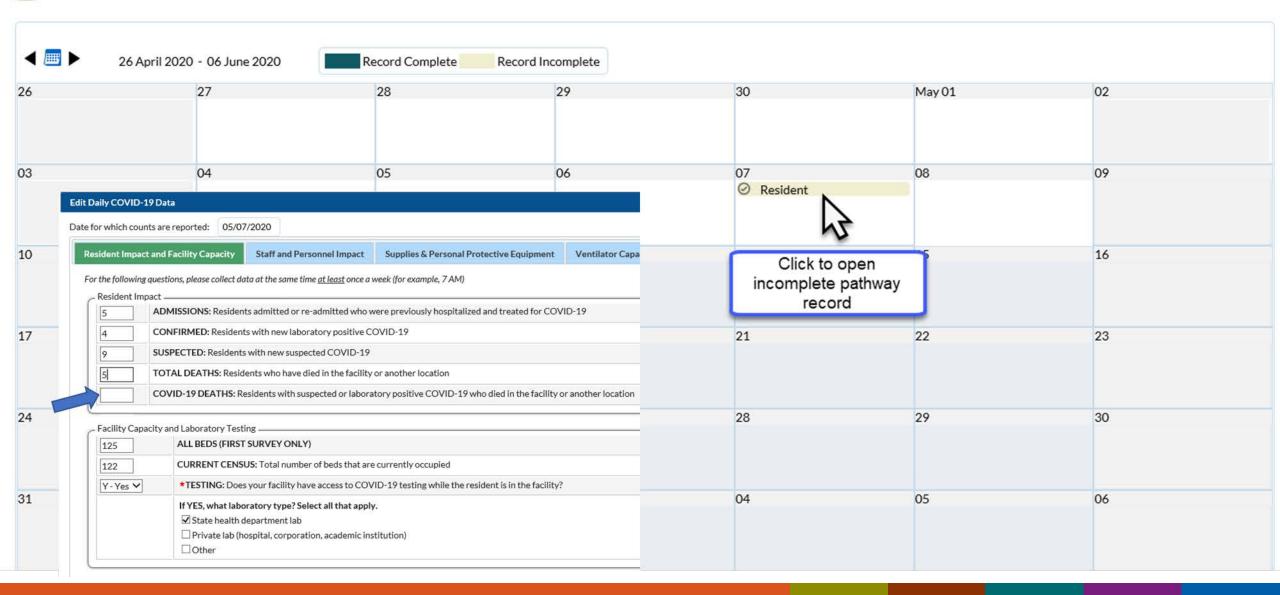


Exporting Data from NHSN COVID-19 Module

collectiondate	numresadmc19	numresconfc19	numressuspc19	numresdied	numresc19died	numltcfbeds	numltcfbedsocc	c19testing	c19testingstatehdlab	c19testingprivatelab	c19testingotherlab
3/17/2020	10					125		Υ	Υ	Y	N
4/1/2020	1	5	9	3	1	125	120	Υ	Υ	Y	N
4/2/2020						125		N	N	N	N
4/3/2020						125		N	N	N	N
5/1/2020	5	30	30	0	0	125	100	Υ	Υ	Υ	N
5/4/2020		60				125		Υ	Υ	Υ	N
5/5/2020						125	25	Υ	Υ	Y	N
5/29/2020	2	0	0	0	0	125	40	Υ	Υ	Υ	N

Correcting Reported Data

Click a cell to begin entering data on the day for which counts are reported.



Takeaways and reminders

- Facilities must report either once a week
 OR more than once a week but not both
- If reporting once a week facilities should report on the same day every week (if possible) and include only new counts since the last day counts were reported
- Use data from line list or NHSN data collection forms to document daily counts
 - Use NHSN data collection form instructions to understand case definitions for each category including non count (Y/N) categories

Takeaways and reminders

- Enter only new counts since the last time data was reported
- Enter ZERO (0) if the answer is zero for questions requiring counts
 - Blank data element = missing data

Complete data for all pathways

Takeaways and reminders

 Total death counts must include deaths from all causes including COVID-19 related

 Do not remove previously entered data if resident status changes

Definition for Count data

- Admissions: Residents admitted or readmitted who were previously diagnosed with COVID-19 from another facility
- Confirmed: A resident with a new laboratory positive COVID-19 test result.
- Suspected: A resident who is being managed as though he/she has COVID-19 because of signs and symptoms suggestive of COVID-19 as described by CDC's guidance but does not have a laboratory positive COVID- 19 test result.
- Total deaths: Residents who have died **from any cause** in the facility or another location. This count includes COVID-19 related deaths **AND** non-COVID-19 related deaths.

Definition for Count data

- COVID-19 Deaths: Residents with suspected or laboratory positive COVID-19 who died in the facility or another location.
- ALL Beds: Total number of resident beds in the facility include all licensed beds (private or non-private)
- Current Census: On the date responses are being entered in the module, enter the total number of residents that are occupying a bed in the facility.
- Mechanical Ventilators: On the date responses are being reported in this module, enter the total number of mechanical ventilators available in your facility including portable ventilators.
- Mechanical ventilators in use: On the date responses are being reported in this module, enter the total number of mechanical ventilators (including portable ventilators) in use by residents with suspected or laboratory positive COVID-19.

What if my Data are Showing as Incorrect on the Centers Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Website?

- Make sure you are looking at the correct time frame
- Login to NHSN and verify the number with the dates from CMS website
- FAQ for CMS data: https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/covid19/ltcf/faq-cms-datarelease-508.pdf
- Detailed information about how CMS processed NHSN data should be directed to:
 - https://data.cms.gov/Covid19-nursing-home-data
 - NH COVID Data@cms.hhs.gov

Additional Resources

- CDC's Coronavirus (COVID-19) website: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html
- NHSN COVID-19 Webpage for Long-term Care
 Facilities: https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/covid19/index.html
- CDC's National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) Home Page: https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/index.html
- Guidance for Retirement Communities and Independent Living: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/retirement/index.html
- Preparedness Checklist for Nursing Homes and Other Long-Term Care Settings:
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- Guidance for U.S. Healthcare Facilities about Coronavirus (COVID-19):
 https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/us-healthcare-facilities.html
- Preparing for COVID-19: Long-term Care Facilities, Nursing Homes:
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