

NHSN Website Refresh

Quick Reference Guide (QRG)

Why We Refreshed

- The NHSN website is a vital resource for healthcare facilities and supports use of the NHSN Application
- Needs assessment data and user interviews identified several barriers to using key sections of the site

What We Aimed to Achieve

- Make key content easier to find
- Reduce website clutter
- Improve content readability
- Reorganize and streamline webpage layout

Most Notable Changes

- Easier access to frequently used NHSN resources
- Reporting and Surveillance Resources (such as Modules/Events) organized by Facility Type or NHSN Component

Navigating Redesigned Sections of the NHSN Website

- This QRG will help you navigate newly redesigned key sections of the NHSN website:

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NHSN Home Webpage

Numbered Guide to Select Webpage Resources

1. Reporting and Surveillance resources (accessible by Facility Type or NHSN Component)
2. COVID-19 Modules
3. New Facility Enrollment
4. NHSN Application
5. NHSN Training Resources
6. CMS Requirements
7. Manuals & Protocols

The screenshot shows the NHSN Home Webpage with the following resources highlighted by numbered callouts:

- 1:** Resources by Facility / NHSN Components (left sidebar menu)
- 2:** COVID-19 Modules (LTCF and Dialysis COVID-19 Modules)
- 3:** Enroll New Facility (for first-time facility enrollment)
- 4:** NHSN Application (NHSN Member Login)
- 5:** NHSN Training (Self-paced trainings, videos & quick learns)
- 6:** CMS Requirements (CMS reporting requirements through NHSN)
- 7:** Manuals & Protocols (list of PDF manuals and protocols)

Long-term Care Facilities Component Landing Webpage

Take Note- All redesigned Facility Landing webpages and NHSN Component Landing webpages have a similar layout and access to resources, pertinent to that specific facility or NHSN Component. The screen shots (below) illustrate typical resources and layout for the Long-term Care Facilities (LTCF) Component.

Numbered Guide to Select Webpage Resources

1. Facilities Reporting in the LTCF Component
2. New User Resources such as Enroll New Facility and Training and Educational Resources
3. LTCF Component Manual and FAQs
4. LTCF Modules & Events, including COVID-19 Module
5. Annual Survey & Monthly Reporting and Additional Resources

Long-term Care Facilities (LTCF) Component

Use the Long Term Care Facility (LTCF) Component to track infections and prevention process measures, systematically, to identify problems, improve care, and determine progress toward national healthcare-associated infection goals.

1 Facilities Reporting in LTCF

Nursing homes, skilled nursing, chronic care, and developmental disability facilities.

Assisted living facilities can only report in the [Prevention Process Measures](#) module.

⚠ Long-term acute care hospitals must use the [LTACH Facilities](#).

2 New Users

- ▶ [Introduction to LTCF Component \[Video - 2 min\]](#)
- ▶ [Enroll New Facility](#)
- ▶ [LTCF Training](#)
- ▶ [Educational Roadmap](#)

3 LTCF Manual & FAQs

- ▶ [2020 LTCF Component Manual](#) [PDF - 3 MB]
- ▶ [LTCF Frequently Asked Questions](#) [PDF - 1 MB]

4 LTCF Modules & Events

Access relevant training, protocols, data collection forms and supporting materials for each module.

- ▶ **COVID-19 Module**
Information and resources for reporting into the NHSN LTCF COVID-19 Module
- ▶ **MDRO & CDI Events**
Multidrug-Resistant Organism & *C. difficile* Infections
- ▶ **Urinary Tract Infections (UTI)**
Healthcare-Associated Infection Module
- ▶ **Prevention Process Measures**
Hand Hygiene, Gown and Glove Use Adherence
- ▶ **HCP and Resident Flu Vaccination**
Weekly Flu Vaccination Reporting
- ▶ **HCP and Resident COVID-19 Vaccination**
Weekly COVID-19 Vaccination Reporting

5 Annual Survey & Monthly Reporting

- ▶ [Annual Facility Survey form \(57.137\)](#) [PDF - 120 KB]
• [Table of Instructions](#) [PDF - 150 KB]
- ▶ [Monthly Reporting Plan form \(57.141\)](#) [PDF - 80 KB]
• [Table of Instructions](#) [PDF - 100 KB]

Resources

- ▶ [Data Validation Guidance](#)
- ▶ [Newsletters & Archived Communications](#)

Long-term Care Facilities Component Module/Event Webpage

Take Note- All Module/Event webpages have a similar layout and access to resources, pertinent to that specific module/event. The screen shot (below) illustrates typical resources (*not all resources*) and layout for the LTCF Component's modules/events, specifically MDRO & CDI, Urinary Tract Infections, and Prevention Process Measures.

Numbered Guide to Select Webpage Resources

1. Protocols
2. Training and Educational Resources
3. Supporting Chapters
4. FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)
5. Data Collection Forms and Instructions
6. Supporting Materials and Analysis Resources
7. Monthly Reporting Plan and Annual Facility Survey

The screenshot shows a webpage titled "Module/Event Page" with several sections. Numbered callouts (1-7) point to specific areas:

- 1 Protocols:** Includes "Prevention Process Measures Protocol for LTCF - January 2021" (PDF - 500 KB) and "Component Protocol Changes for LTCF - January 2021" (PDF - 200 KB).
- 2 Training and Educational Resources:** Includes "LTCF Training" and "Educational Roadmap".
- 3 Supporting Chapters:** Includes "LTCF - Key Terms and Acronyms" (PDF - 200 KB), "CDC Location Labels and Location Descriptions - January 2021" (PDF - 1 MB), and a note about CDC locations and labels for all NHSN facility types.
- 4 FAQs:** Includes "LTCF FAQs" (PDF - 150 KB) and "HIPAA Privacy Rule".
- 5 Data Collection Forms & Instructions:** States "All Data Collection Forms are Print-only" and includes "PPM" (Prevention Process Measures Form for LTCF - January 2021 (57.143) PDF - 50 KB), "Customizable form" (DOCX - 50 KB), and "Table of Instructions" (PDF - 150 KB).
- 6 Supporting Materials and Analysis Resources:** Includes "NHSN Organism List (All Organisms, Common Commensals, MBI Organisms, and UTI Bacteria) January 2020" (XLSX - 300 KB), "Guidance Documents" (e.g., "Selecting an Email Address During NHSN & SAMS Registration" PDF - 98 KB, "How to Add and Edit Facility CMS Certification Number (CCN) within NHSN" PDF - 1 MB, "Change NHSN Facility Administrator"), and "Analysis Resources" (e.g., "Dashboard Guidance Document - July 2019" PDF - 1 MB).
- 7 Monthly Reporting Plan and Annual Facility Survey:** Includes "Monthly Reporting Plan for LTCF - January 2021 (57.141)" (PDF - 80 KB), "Customizable form" (DOCX - 50 KB), "Table of Instructions" (PDF - 100 KB), "Annual Facility Survey for LTCF - January 2021 (57.137)" (PDF - 120 KB), and "Table of Instructions" (PDF - 150 KB).

At the bottom, there is a section titled "Resources to Help Prevent HAIs" with links to "HAI Prevention in long-term care settings", "Guideline for Isolation Precautions: Preventing Transmission of Infectious Agents in Healthcare Settings, 2007" (PDF - 2 MB), "Guideline for Hand Hygiene in Healthcare Settings" (PDF - 500 KB), "CDC Infection Control Guidance Library", and "Hand Hygiene in Healthcare Settings".