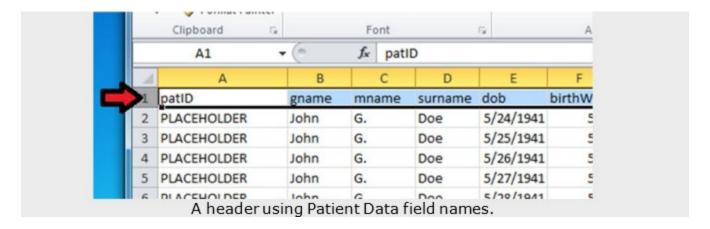
CSV File Formats

Flexible File Formatting

In an effort to improve interoperability with hospital information systems, CSV files may be uploaded in any column arrangement *ONLY IF* using Field Names (as listed in the table below) in the first row (*header row*) to specify which fields relate to which columns.



NOTE: The example above shows Patient Data Import field names. To import residents, use the Resident Import formatting table below.



NHSN Resident Import File Format for Point of Care (POC) Test Reporting Tool

Field Label	Field Name	Required/Optional	Values	Format
Resident ID	resID	Required	-	Character Length - 15
Medicare Number	medn	Optional	-	Character Length - 15
First Name	gname	Required	-	Character Length - 30
Middle Name	mname	Optional	-	Character Length - 15
Last Name	surname	Required	-	Character Length - 30
Date of Birth	dob	Required	must be \leq today's date; must be $\geq 1/1/1890$	mm/dd/yyyy
Gender	gender	Required	M - Male F - Female O - Other	Character Length - 1
Sex at Birth	sexAtBirth	Optional	M for Male F for Female U for Unknown	Character Length - 1
Ethnicity	ethnicity	Required	HISP – Hispanic or Latino NOHISP – Not Hispanic or Not Latino	Character - Length 6



Field Label	Field Name	Required/Optional	Values	Format
Race	racecodes	Required	AMIN - for American Indian/Alaskan Native ASIAN – for Asian AAB – for Black or African American NH-PI – for Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander WHITE – for White MENA – for Middle Eastern or North African	Character - Length 5 Multiple race entries possible - separate by "/" (e.g., WHITE/ASIAN)
Comment	comment	Optional	-	Character – Length 1000
Custom 1 - 50	Custom [1 – 50] Example: Custom28	Optional	-	Format and order according to custom field set up and sort order. • Alphanumeric field length = 15 • Numeric field length decimal (1,2,3) 999999999999999999999999999999999999

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