NHSN v13.0.0 Release Notes
December 14, 2024

Changes to Biovigilance Component (BV)	
Import/Export	The field, Sex at Birth, can now be imported via the Patients csv file.
Patient	Race now has the following options: MENA – Middle Eastern or North American, Declined to Respond, and Unknown. Ethnicity now has the following options: Declined to Respond and Unknown. The effective date is 1/1/2025.

Changes to Dialysis Component (DIAL)	
Dialysis Event	Updates have been made to the 2025 Dialysis Event Surveillance Form (57.502) as follows: • Add Catheter-Graft Hybrid as an access site for pus, redness, or increased swelling Race now has the following options: MENA – Middle Eastern or North American, Declined to Respond, and Unknown. Ethnicity now has the following options: Declined to Respond and Unknown. The effective date is 1/1/2025.
Import/Export	The field, Sex at Birth, can now be imported via the Patients csv file.
Reporting Plan	Verbiage has been added to the Monthly Reporting Plan to notify the users to only check the option, Not Participating in NHSN this Month, if the facility is closed for the entire month.
CDA Implementation	The R4-D3 CDA Implementation is complete for making the following fields required: Gender Identity, Sex at Birth, Race, and Ethnicity. Note: This will be effective in production on January 1, 2026. However, NHSN will be deploying the above CDA updates in the NPPT Environment for 13.0.0.

Changes to Healthcare Personnel Safety Component (HPS)	
Staff	Race now has the following options: MENA – Middle Eastern or North American, Declined to Respond, and Unknown.

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	Ethnicity now has the following options: Declined to Respond and Unknown. This impacts the HCW and Person-Level Forms. The effective date is 1/1/2025.

COVID-19 Vaccination	The Staff Person-Level forms have been updated for a 2nd dose .
	
	• Individuals aged 65 years and older are up to date when they have:
	   • Received any 2 doses (2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccine or Unspecified manufacturer) since 9/2/24, OR
	   • Received 1 dose (2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccine or Unspecified manufacturer since 9/2/24) within the past 6 months
	
	• Individuals younger than 65 years of age are up to date when they have:
	   • Received 1 dose (2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccine or Unspecified manufacturer) since 9/2/24

Changes to Long Term Care Component (LTC)	
Annual Survey	New questions #5 - #8 are being added to the survey. The new questions will provide additional information about the facility Infection Preventionist (IP) role.
Import/Export	The field, Sex at Birth, can now be imported via the Residents and Staff csv files. The VaccType field was removed as a requirement for the CSV upload for Residents and Staff.
Respiratory Pathogens Vaccination (RPV)	The RPV form has been updated to change the following fields from OPTIONAL to REQUIRED: 1) numResFluVacc [Question 2b] 2) numResRSVVacc [Question 2c] 3) numResFluPosTest [Question 3b] 4) numResRSVPosTest [Question 3c] 5) numResFluHospPos [Question 4b] 6) numResRSVHospPos [Question 4c] This impacts the Summary Form, Person-Level Form, and CSV Upload. The effective date is 1/6/2025.
COVID-19 Event Reporting	Users can now manually enter the gender identity and sex at birth as optional fields.

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Resident, Staff, and Event	Race now has as an option, MENA – Middle Eastern or North American. This impacts the UI, POC, Person-Level Forms, and CSV Upload/API. The effective date is 1/1/2025.

Changes to Neonatal Component (NEO)	
Annual Survey	Updates were made to the Annual Hospital Survey, FACSRV-PS Survey, which is applicable to both Patient Safety and Neonatal Components.
Import/Export	A facility can now import Discharge Billing Codes via a csv file.

Changes to Outpatient Procedure Component (OP)	
CPT Code Updates	Annual CPT code updates for procedures dated 1/1/2025 and going forward.
Import/Export	The field, Sex at Birth, can now be imported via the Patients csv file.
Patient	Race now has the following options: MENA – Middle Eastern or North American, Declined to Respond, and Unknown. The effective date is 1/1/2025.
Reimplementation	The Outpatient Procedure component has an updated and improved user interface as part of NHSN's effort to modernize the NHSN application.

Changes to Patient Safety Component (PS)	
Annual Surveys	There are changes to the PS component annual surveys – there are new questions, revision to existing questions, and new business rules. 1. Patient Safety Annual Survey 2. LTACH Annual Survey 3. IRF Annual Survey 4. Mini IRF Annual Survey
Antimicrobial Use and Antimicrobial Resistance	Updated the AR Option Drug Panels for 2025: 1. One new panel is being added: PA AntiP24Ur 2. Three drug tests need to be added to the value set: Amphotericin B, Ceftibuten and Plazomicin. 3. Six drug tests are being removed from the value set: Chloramphenicol, Doripenem, Gemifloxacin, Quinupristin-dalfopristin, Sulfisoxazole, Trimethoprim

Changes to Patient Safety Component (PS)	
	Update the AR Option Eligible Pathogens for 2025: 1. Add Group A streptococcus, and the genus and species level codes for Candida, Citrobacter, Klebsiella and Proteus Update the AU Option Drugs for 2025: 1. Add CEFENMET - Cefepime/Enmetazobactam , CEFTOMED - Ceftobiprole medocaril, and PIVMEC – Pivmecillinam drugs 2. Remove CHLOR – Chloramphenicol Update the AR Options Specimen Sources for 2025: 1. Add the new specimen sources: AR_Skin, Soft Tissue, Wound, Musculoskeletal Specimen Changes are effective in the UI and CDA for 1/1/2025 and going forward. **AUR - Promoting Interoperability Changes**: The language has been updated in the NHSN application as well as the automated letters sent to facilities to notify users that the AUR reporting measure within the Promoting Interoperability Program has been split into two separate measures.
Blood Culture Shortage	A new questionnaire has been introduced into the NHSN application to assess the impact of blood culture shortage of facilities and bloodstream infection surveillance. Facilities will have an alert on the dashboard indicating to users to complete the questionnaire. Once the questionnaire is completed, the alert will no longer appear on the dashboard.
CPT and ICD-10 Code Updates	Annual CPT and ICD-10 code updates for procedures dated 1/1/2025 and going forward.
Event	The new neurogenic bladder field has been added under Risk Factors of the Event Form for UTI Events. This is an optional field effective for UTI Events dated 1/1/2025 and going forward.
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