

National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) Reporting

- Nursing homes are required by CMS to report into the **National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN)**. It is optional for Assisted Living Facilities and Residential Homes for the Aged.
- Reporting requirements for nursing homes became effective May 8, 2020.
- CMS memo <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-29-nh.pdf> provides additional information for nursing homes to meet COVID-19 reporting requirements.
- Facilities must submit the data through NHSN at least once every seven days.
- NHSN LTCF COVID-19 module: <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/covid19/index.html>
 - Enrollment
 - Training
 - Frequently Asked Questions
 - Data Collection Forms and Instructions

Healthcare Resource Tracking System (HRTS) Reporting

- Facilities have the option of reporting into the **Healthcare Resource Tracking System (HRTS)**.
- HRTS is a system used statewide by acute care hospitals, behavioral health facilities, EMS, Regional Medical Communications Centers (RMCCs) and LTCF for census tracking, patient placement, and managing disaster response (big or small).
- If facilities choose to report into HRTS, this reporting does not replace or supersede the CMS requirement for NHSN reporting.
- A Vulnerable Population Coordinator (VPC) will assist facilities in setting up their facility page and users, and provide training.
- If a LTCF chooses to participate in HRTS, they should:
 - Update available bed counts once per week
 - Indicate if your facility is accepting positive or suspected COVID-19 Patients
 - Hospitals and others will use this information to help place patients

Reminder: Case/Cluster Reporting

- LTCF are required to report cases of COVID among staff or residents to their local health department (for real-time tracking and cluster investigation purposes).