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.
- 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 choses 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).