

National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN)

Long-term Care Facility COVID-19 Module

NATIONAL HEALTHCARE SAFETY NETWORK (NHSN)

- Secure, internet-based surveillance system managed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Open to a variety of healthcare facilities in the United States
- Enables healthcare facilities to collect and use a data about:
 - Healthcare-associated infections (HAIs),
 - Adherence to clinical practices known to prevent HAIs,
 - AND MORE!!!



NHSN's Role During COVID-19 Response

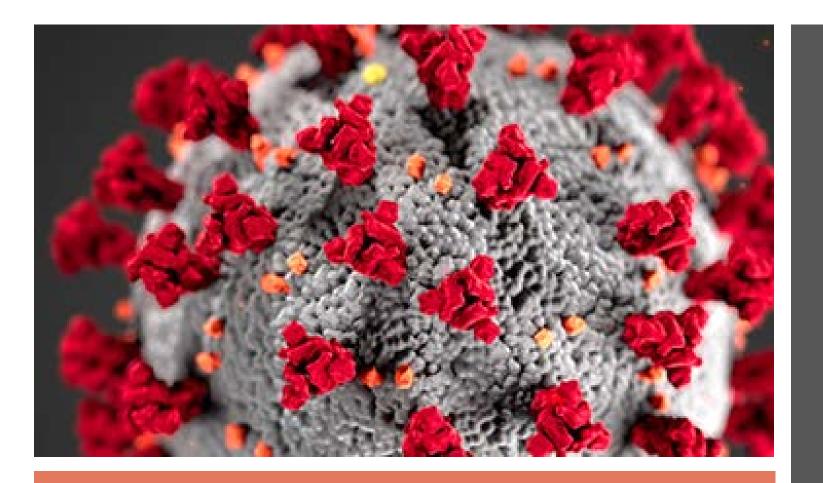


- LTCF COVID-19 Module
- LTCF COVID-19 webpage
- Data to state and local health departments
- Platform for Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) reporting mandates
- Accessible to facilities and group users



NHSN dashboard within application

 No resident or staff/personnel level data collected



COVID-19 Module for Long Term Care Facilities

Goals of the Module

- Supplement case reporting and facility capacity to understand facility and resident specific impact
- Identify resource needs and prioritize public health action

LTCF COVID-19 MODULE PARTICIPATION

Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF) / Nursing Homes (NH)

Assisted Living Facilities and Residential Care

Intermediate/chronic care facilities for the developmentally disabled



HOW TO GET STARTED

- NHSN enrollment is required
- Actively enrolled NHSN facilities have access through NHSN home page
- Non-NHSN LTCFs must complete online enrollment specifically for the LTC COVID-19 Module

Questions? E-mail nhsn@cdc.gov include LTCF COVID in Subject Line

Three Primary Steps to Gaining Access to COVID-19 Module

Register LTCF with NHSN

- 1. Accept NHSN Rules of Behavior
- 2. Use link in e-mail complete registration

Register with SAMS

3. From SAMS-NO-REPLY e-mail complete SAMS registration (security check-point)

Enroll LTCF with NHSN

4. Enroll LTCF with NHSN

The final step after enrollment is to Accept the NHSN Agreement to Participate and Consent

LTCF COVID-19 Module Enrollment Steps

Step 1 – Prepare your computer to interact with NHSN

You may need to change your email and internet security settings to receive communications from NHSN during the enrollment process.

Step 2A - Register Facility with NHSN

The person who will serve as the NHSN Facility Administrator (usually the person enrolling the facility)

Step 2B - Register with SAMS (Security Access Management System)

After NHSN receives your completed registration, you will receive an *Invitation to Register with SAMS* via email with steps to complete the process.

Step 3 - Complete NHSN LTC Enrollment

On the SAMS homepage, click the link to the National Healthcare Safety Network labeled **NHSN LTC Enrollment** and Complete Facility Contact Information.

Step 4 – Electronically Accept the NHSN Agreement to Participate and Consent

After successfully completing enrollment, the NHSN Facility Administrator and Component Primary Contact (may be the same person) will receive an NHSN email with instructions on how to electronically accept the *NHSN Agreement to Participate and Consent*. Once accepted, enrollment is complete, and the user will gain access to NHSN's COVID-19 module.

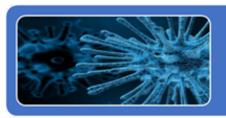
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Terms used in the LTCF COVID-19 Module

Each section in the module is organized by a specific focus called **Pathway**

Data Element is the response or count provided to specific questions in each pathway



Four Pathways for Reporting



Resident Impact and Facility Capacity



Staff and Personnel Impact



Supplies and Personal Protective Equipment



Ventilator Capacity and Supplies

Data elements for each Pathway include: COUNT and/or "YES" or "NO" responses

Data Elements

- Suspected and confirmed COVID-19 infections among residents and staff, including residents previously treated for COVID-19
- Total deaths and COVID-19 deaths among residents and staff
- Personal protective equipment and hand hygiene supplies in the facility
- Ventilator capacity and supplies in the facility
- Resident beds and census
- Access to COVID-19 testing while the resident is in the facility
- Staffing shortages

REPORTING FREQUENCY

Daily reporting:

Selected calendar date must reflect the date in which the responses are being reported in the NHSN LTCF COVID-19 Module.

Non-daily reporting:

Selected calendar date must reflect the date in which responses are being reported in the NHSN LTCF COVID-19 Module.

Counts must include only **new** counts for the specific question <u>since</u> the <u>last time</u> counts were entered in the Module.

Weekly reporting:

Selected calendar date must reflect the date in which responses are being reported in the NHSN LTCF COVID-19 Module.

Include only **new** counts for the specific question since the last time counts were entered in the Module.

Report on the same day of the week every week.

Surveillance Tips



Collect and record data at the same time every day



If reporting once a week, report on the same day every week



Use a line list or NHSN data collection forms to document daily counts

Reporting Counts for the FIRST time in the NHSN LTCF COVID-19 Module

Update

If this is the <u>first</u> time counts are being entered for a specific question, enter the number of <u>newly</u> identified counts for that question in this week only.

Reporting Counts in NHSN LTCF COVID-19 Module

Each time counts are entered in the module, only include the **NEWLY identified counts** for that the specific question being answered since the last time counts were entered for that specific question.

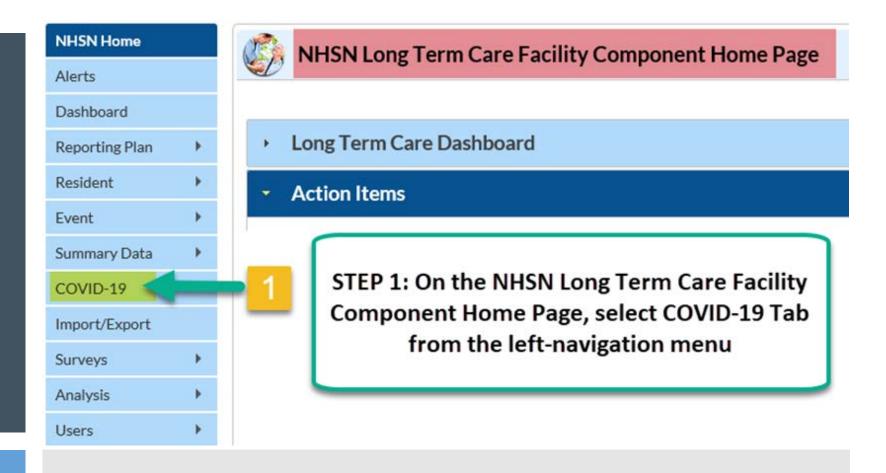
Reporting Counts prior to May 1, 2020 Optional

Update

To submit counts that occurred **prior** to May 1, 2020, use the calendar feature to select any calendar date prior to May 1, 2020 and enter the total number of counts for each question being reported between January 1, 2020 and April 30, 2020. If these data are not available at the time of data entry, leave blank and revise counts later.



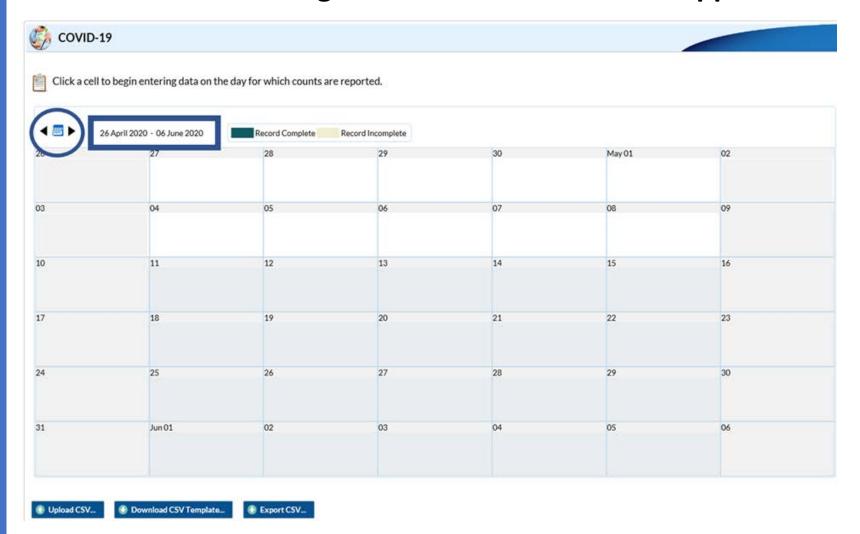
NHSN'S LTCF COVID-19 Module STEP 1:
Select COVID-19
tab on the left
navigation menu of
the NHSN Home
Page.



Note: The NHSN home page may look different depending on facility access to other reporting options. However, the functionality for the COVID-19 Module is the **same** for all LTCFs.

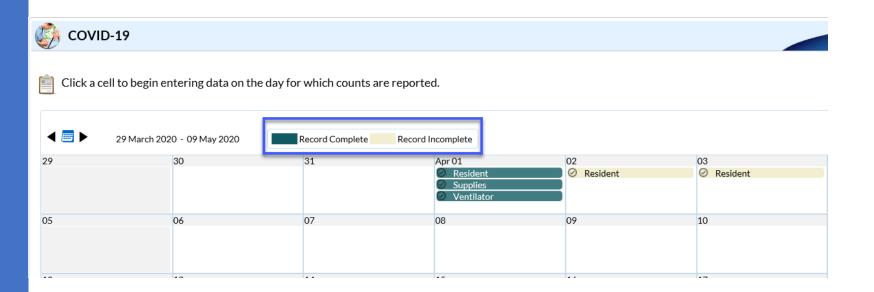
Data may be entered retrospectively from January 1, 2020 up to April 30, 2020 by using the calendar arrow back icon to select a date prior to May 1, 2020. Optional

A calendar defaulting to the current month will appear.



INCOMPLETE VS. COMPLETE RECORDS

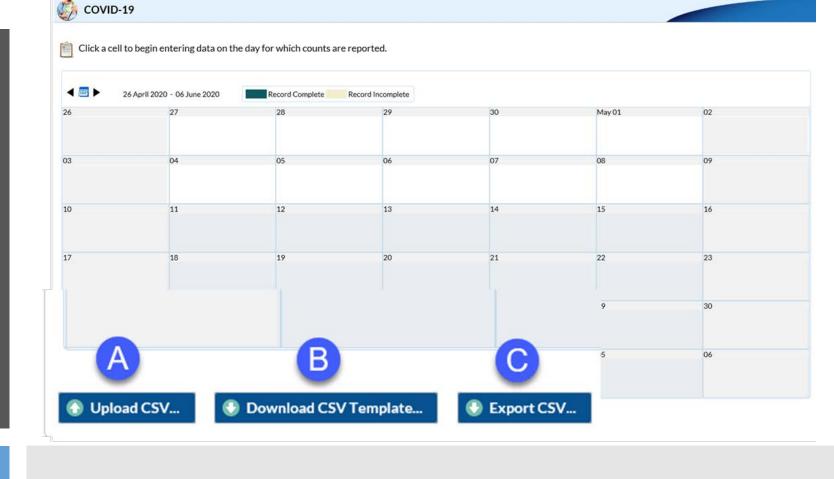
Each SAVED pathway will be highlighted as COMPLETE or INCOMPLETE



Record Complete: Pathway saved and all questions have been answered

Record Incomplete: Pathway saved with one or more unanswered questions

Import and Export Options



CSV Tabs located at bottom of calendar

- A. Data upload using a CSV file
- B. Download CSV Template, which can be used to upload facility COVID-19 data.
- C. Export data in a table format using the "Export CSV"

Access the LTCF COVID-19 Webpage

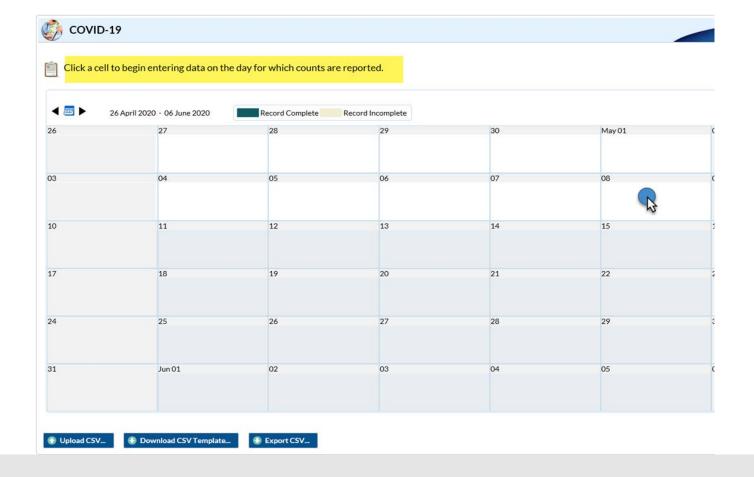
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STEP 2: Begin Manual Data Entry



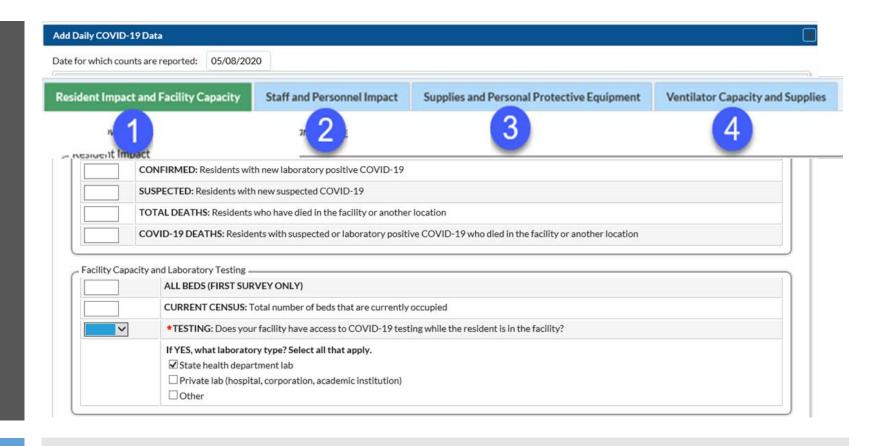
Select Date

To get started, click on the date for questions will be answered.

Reporting Counts for the FIRST time in the NHSN LTCF COVID-19 Module

If this is the first time counts are being entered for a specific question, enter the number of **newly** identified counts for that question this week.

New Window will Appear with Four Pathways



Select Pathway and Enter Data

- Default view is "Resident Impact and Facility Capacity" pathway
- Users may navigate to and from each pathway during one session
- Option to SAVE or CANCEL individual pathways
- Selected date will auto-populate

Add Daily COVID-19 Data



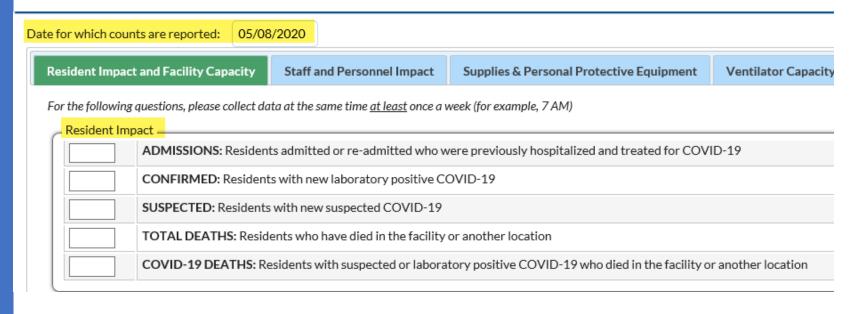
Date for which counts are reported: 05/08/2020

Resident Impact and Facility Capacity	Staff and Personnel Impact	Supplies & Personal Protective Equipment	Ventilator Capacity & Supplies		
	or the following questions, please collect data at the same time <u>at least</u> once a week (for example, 7 AM)				
Resident Impact — ADMISSIONS: Resider	Resident Impact — ADMISSIONS: Residents admitted or re-admitted who were previously hospitalized and treated for COVID-19				
CONFIRMED: Residen	CONFIRMED: Residents with new laboratory positive COVID-19				
SUSPECTED: Resident	SUSPECTED: Residents with new suspected COVID-19				
TOTAL DEATHS: Resid	TOTAL DEATHS: Residents who have died in the facility or another location				
COVID-19 DEATHS: R	COVID-19 DEATHS: Residents with suspected or laboratory positive COVID-19 who died in the facility or another location				
Facility Capacity and Laboratory Test	Facility Capacity and Laboratory Testing				
	ALL BEDS (FIRST SURVEY ONLY)				
CURRENT CENS	CURRENT CENSUS: Total number of beds that are currently occupied				
*TESTING: Doe	*TESTING: Does your facility have access to COVID-19 testing while the resident is in the facility?				
✓ State health	If YES, what laboratory type? Select all that apply. State health department lab				
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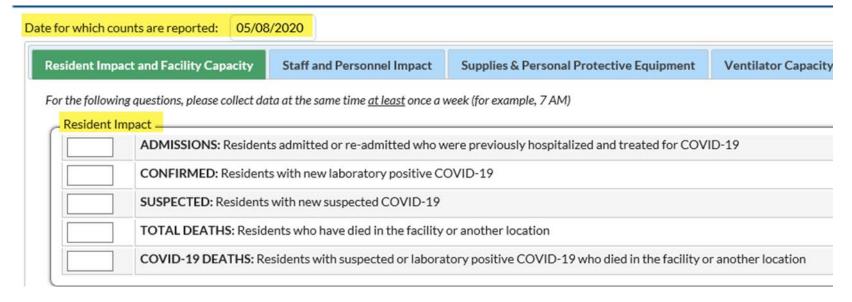
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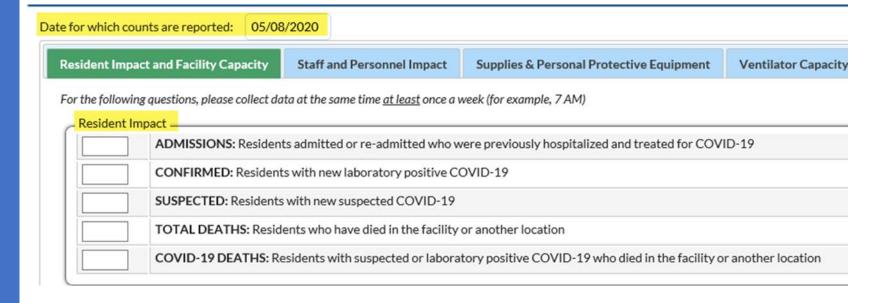
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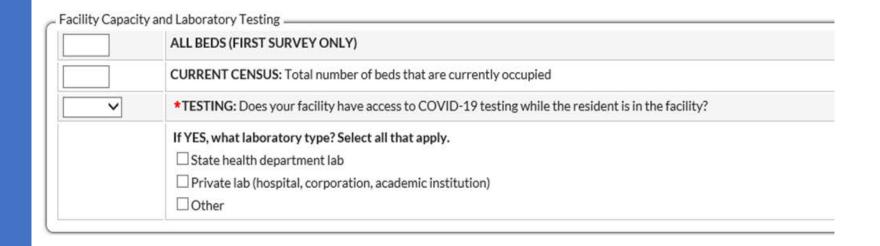
- ADMISSIONS: Residents newly admitted or readmitted to LTCF from a hospital
 where they were treated for suspected or laboratory positive COVID-19 since
 the last date Admission counts were entered or this week if it's the first time
 reporting these counts.
- CONFIRMED: Number of residents who have newly identified as having a laboratory-positive COVID-19 result since the last date confirmed COVID-19 counts were entered into this module or this week if it's the first time reporting these counts.
 - Count includes residents who remain in the LTCF, as well as residents who were transferred out of the facility, admitted to another facility, or died



- SUSPECTED: Residents newly managed as though they have COVID-19 because they have signs and symptoms suggestive of COVID-19, but do <u>not</u> have a laboratory positive COVID-19 test result because they have not been tested or are pending results.
 - Include all *newly* suspected residents since the last date *Suspected* resident counts were entered in the module or this week if first time reporting *Suspected* residents.
 - Count includes residents who remain in the LTCF, as well as residents who were transferred out of the facility, admitted to another facility, or died



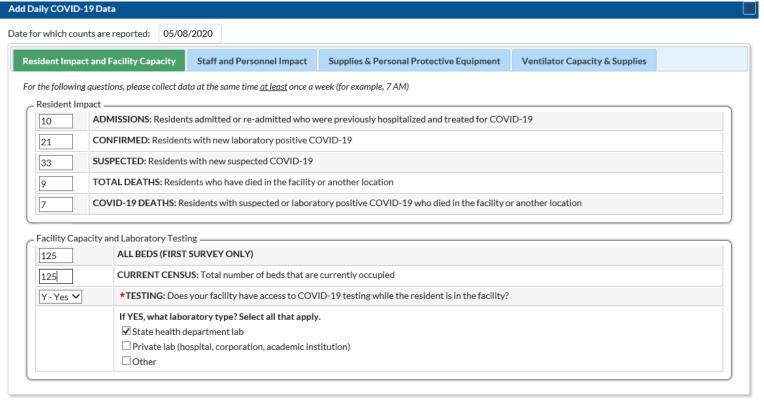
- TOTAL DEATHS: Residents who died for any reason in the LTCF or another location since the last date *Total Death* counts were entered or this week if first time reporting. Include both COVID-19 related deaths AND non-COVID-19 related deaths.
- COVID-19 Deaths: Number of new deaths for resident with suspected AND laboratory positive COVID-19 since the last date COVID-19 Death counts were entered or this week if first time reporting. Include residents who died in the facility or another location.



- ALL BEDS: Enter the total number of licensed resident beds in the facility. Saved bed count will pre-populate on future dates.
- CURRENT CENSUS: On the date responses are being reported in the Module, enter the total number of residents that are occupying a bed in the facility.
- **TESTING**: On the date responses are being entered in the Module, does your LTCF have access COVID-19 testing that can be performed while the resident remains in the LTCF?

Resident Impact and Facility Capacity

Focuses on impact
of COVID-19 on
residents, facility
capacity, and
testing



Save to exit Pathway reporting and return to calendar or CLICK in next tab to continue entering data

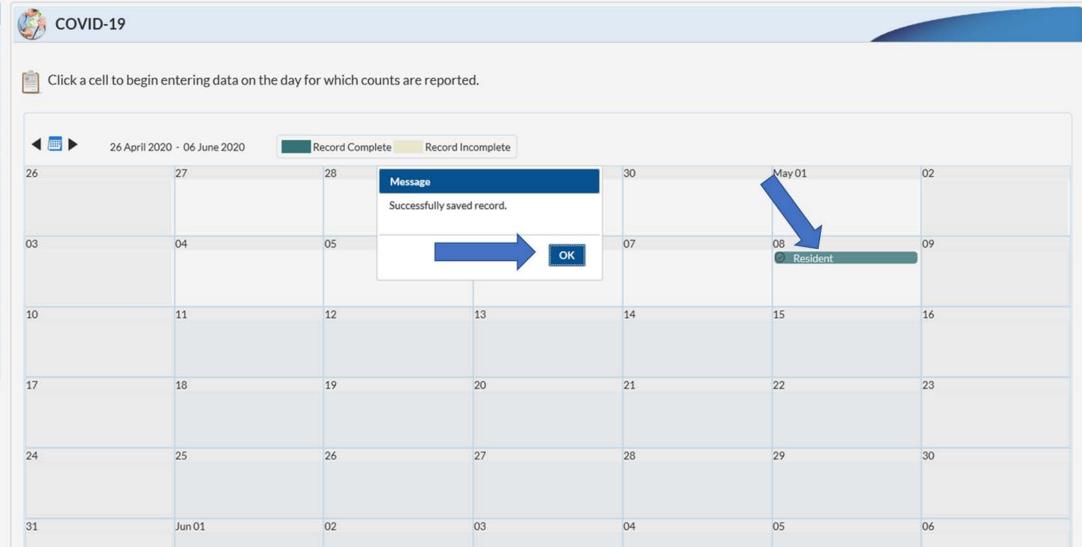


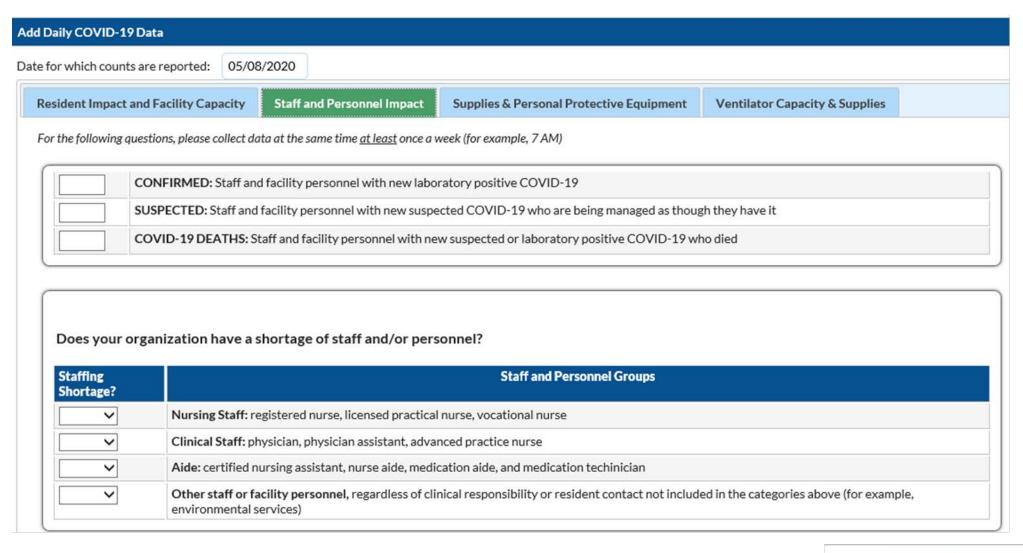


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Include anyone working or volunteering in the LTCF (for example, contractors, full-time, part-time, as needed/prn, temporary, resident care givers, shared staff, etc.

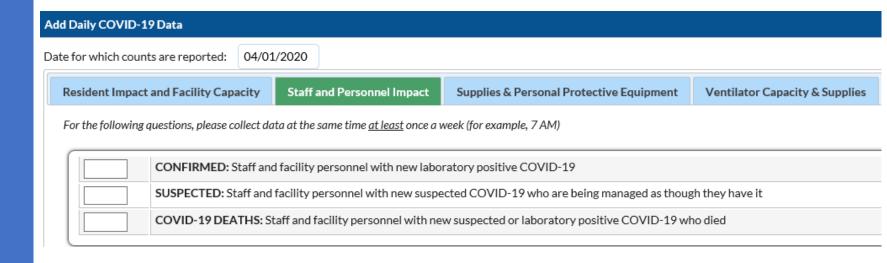
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Staff and Personnel Impact Pathway



- CONFIRMED: Staff and facility personnel <u>newly</u> identified with a laboratory positive COVID-19 test result since the last date *Confirmed* counts were entered into the module.
- SUSPECTED: Staff and facility personnel being <u>newly</u> managed as though they have COVID-19 since the last date that *Suspected* counts were entered into the module. No positive COVID-19 lab result
- **COVID 19 DEATHS:** New deaths for staff and facility personnel with suspected or laboratory positive COVID-19 since the last date the *COVID-19 Death* count for staff and facility personnel was entered.

Staff and Personnel Impact Pathway

Does your organization have a shortage of staff and/or personnel?

Staffing Shortage?	Staff and Personnel Groups
~	Nursing Staff: registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, vocational nurse
~	Clinical Staff: physician, physician assistant, advanced practice nurse
~	Aide: certified nursing assistant, nurse aide, medication aide, and medication techinician
~	Other staff or facility personnel, regardless of clinical responsibility or resident contact not included in the categories above (for example, environmental services)

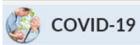
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Staff and Personnel Impact Pathway

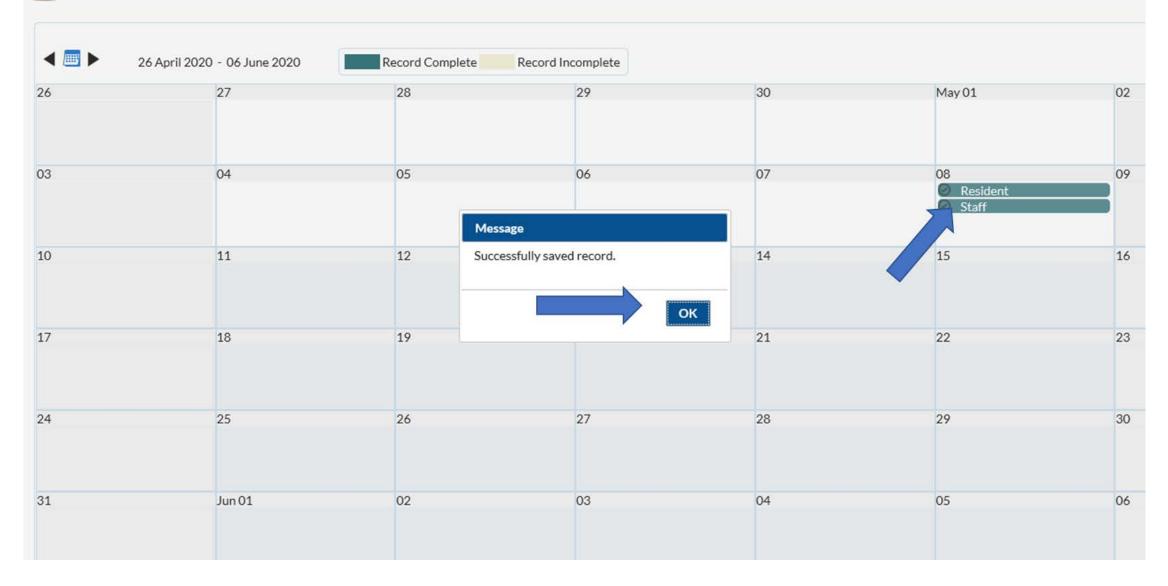
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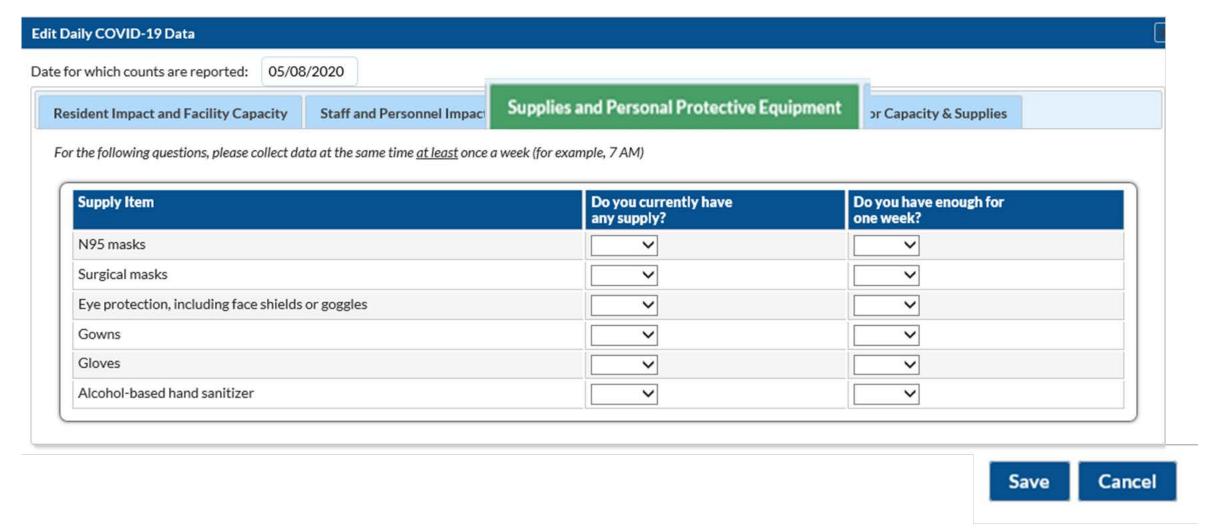
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Impact COVID-19 is having on staff and facility personnel, including staffing shortages.









Responses based on the date responses are entered in the module

ANY SUPPLY: Does the facility have any of each supply item listed?

ENOUGH FOR ONE WEEK: Does the facility have enough for ONE week of each supply item?

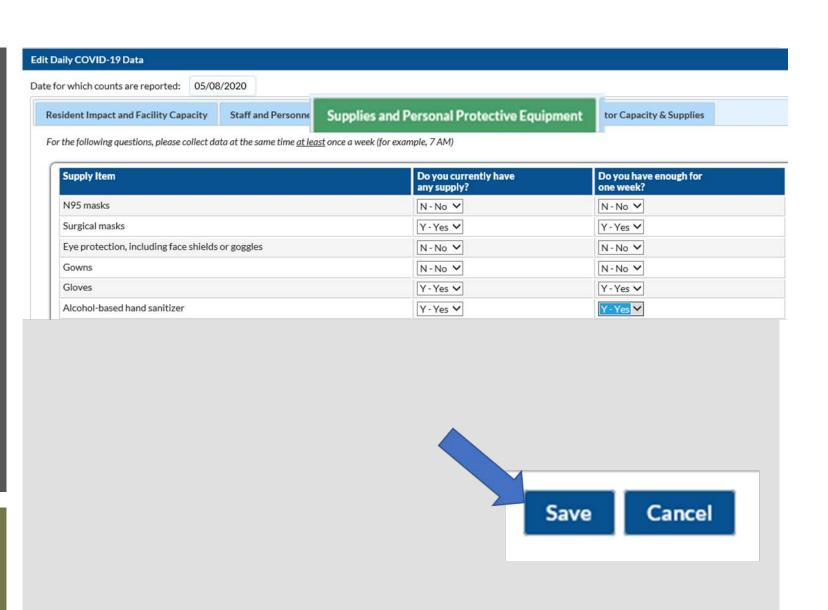
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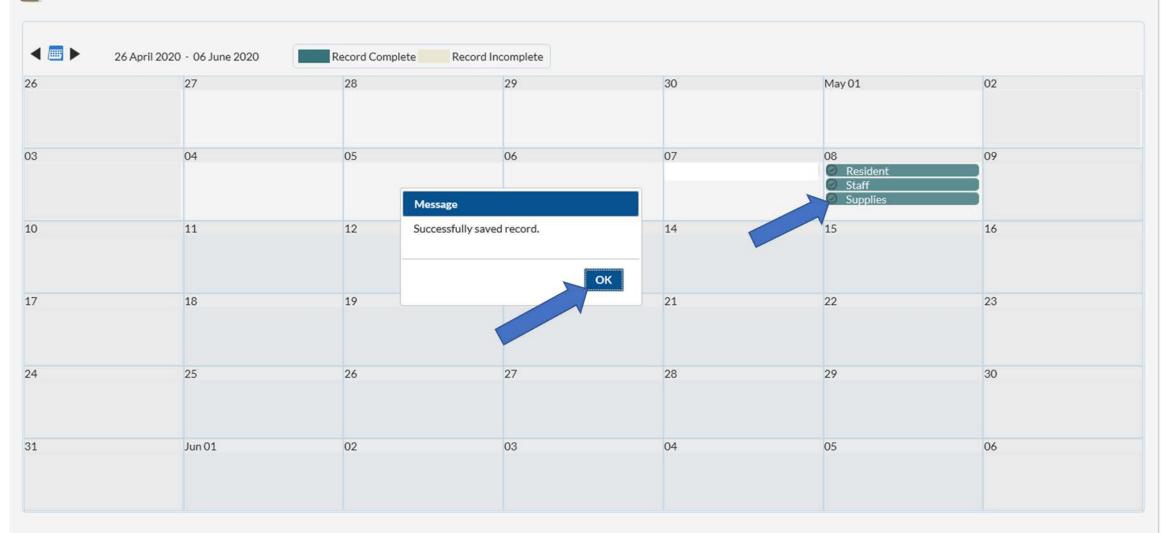
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Supplies and Personal Protective Equipment Pathway

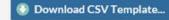
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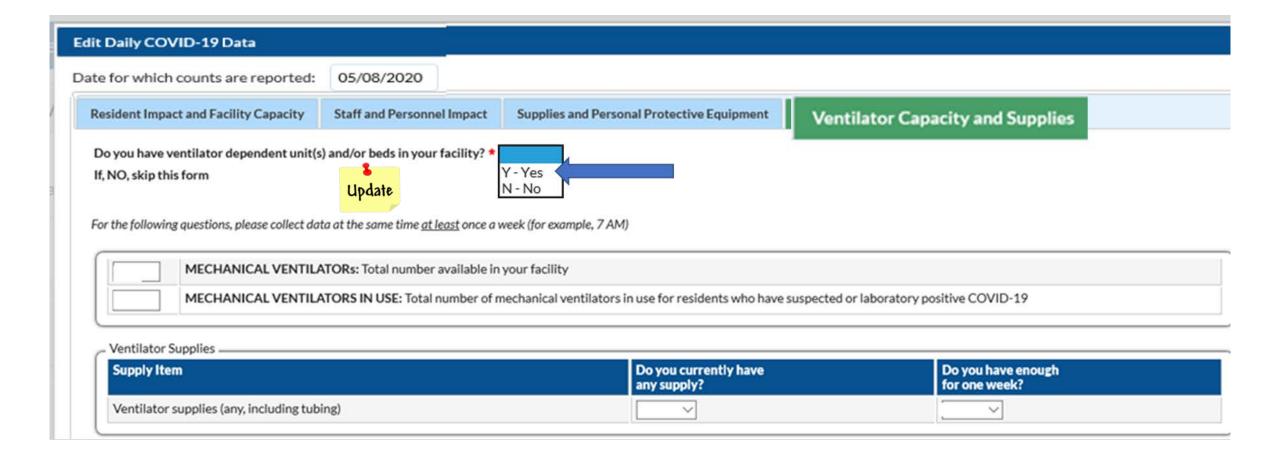












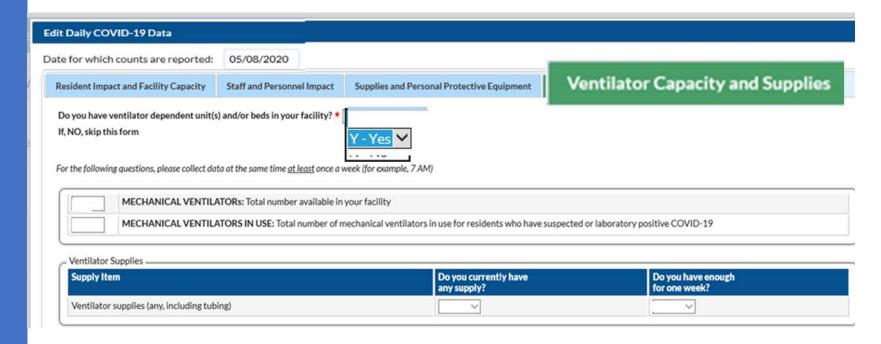
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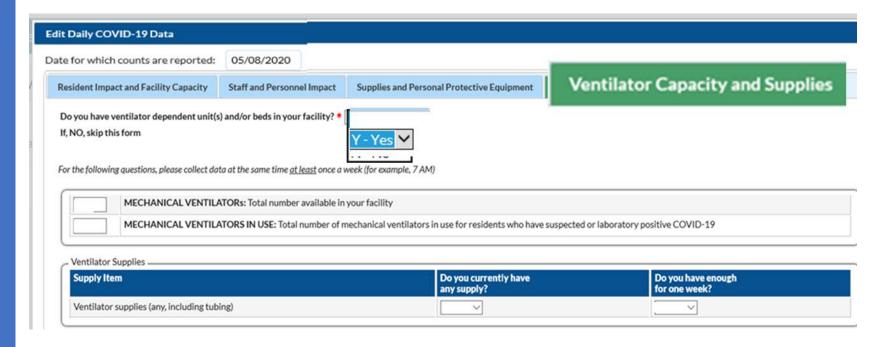
Ventilator Capacity and Supplies Pathway



Responses based on the date responses are entered in the module

- **MECHANICAL VENTILATORS:** Number of mechanical ventilators in the facility.
- **MECHANICAL VENTILATORS IN USE:** Number of mechanical ventilators in use for residents who have suspected or laboratory confirmed COVID-19.

Ventilator Capacity and Supplies Pathway



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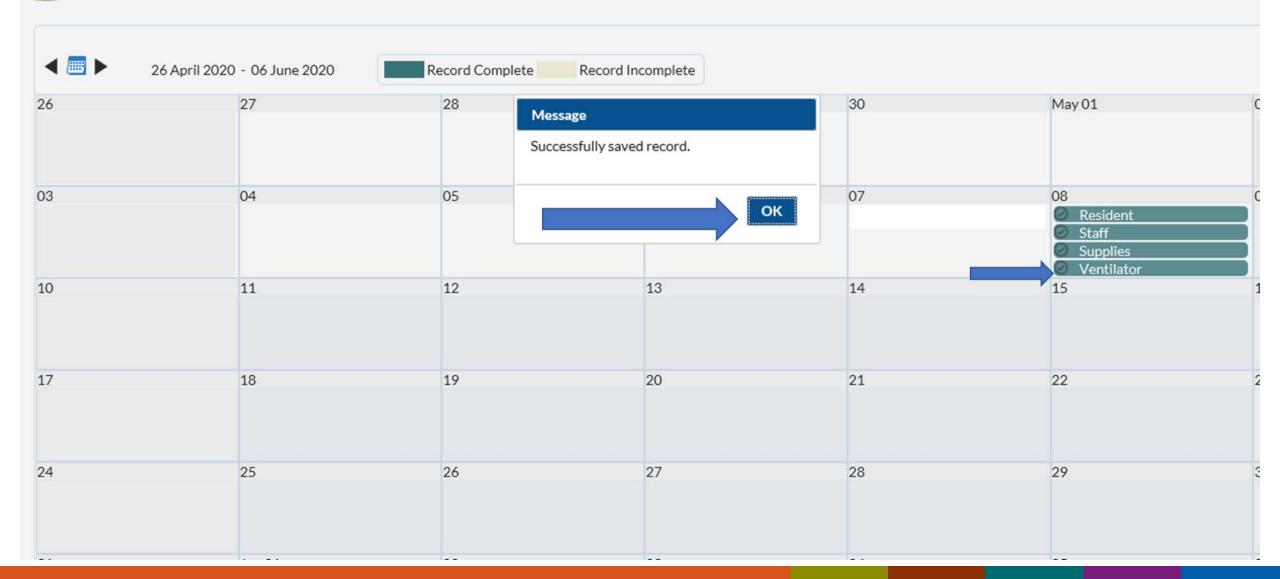
- ANY: Ventilator supply available in the facility.
- **ENOUGH SUPPLIES FOR ONE WEEK:** Number of mechanical ventilators in use for residents who have suspected or laboratory confirmed COVID-19.

Ventilator Capacity and Supplies Pathway

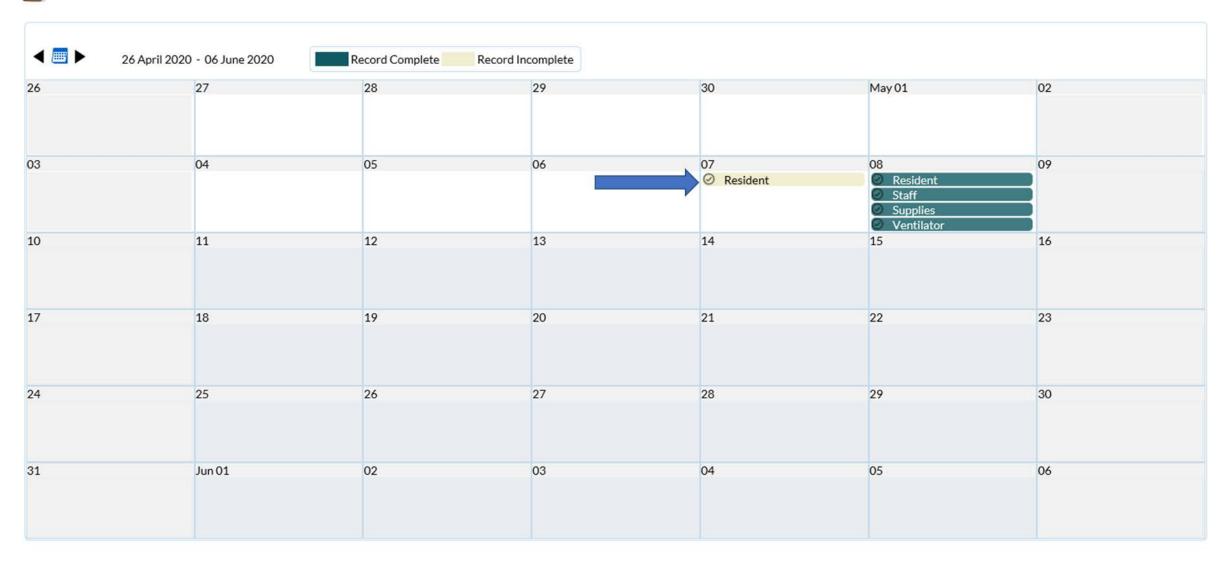
Edit Daily COVID-19 Data Date for which counts are reported: 05/08/2020 **Ventilator Capacity and Supplies** Resident Impact and Facility Capacity Staff and Personnel Impact Supplies and Personal Protective Equipment Do you have ventilator dependent unit(s) and/or beds in your facility? Y-Yes V If, NO, skip this form For the following questions, please collect data at the same time at least once a week (for example, 7 AM) MECHANICAL VENTILATORs: Total number available in your facility MECHANICAL VENTILATORS IN USE: Total number of mechanical ventilators in use for residents who have suspected or lab-confirmed COVID-19 Ventilator Supplies Do you have enough Supply Item Do you currently have any supply? for one week? N-No Y Ventilator supplies (any, including tubing) Y-Yes V

Ventilator capacity and supplies in the facility.

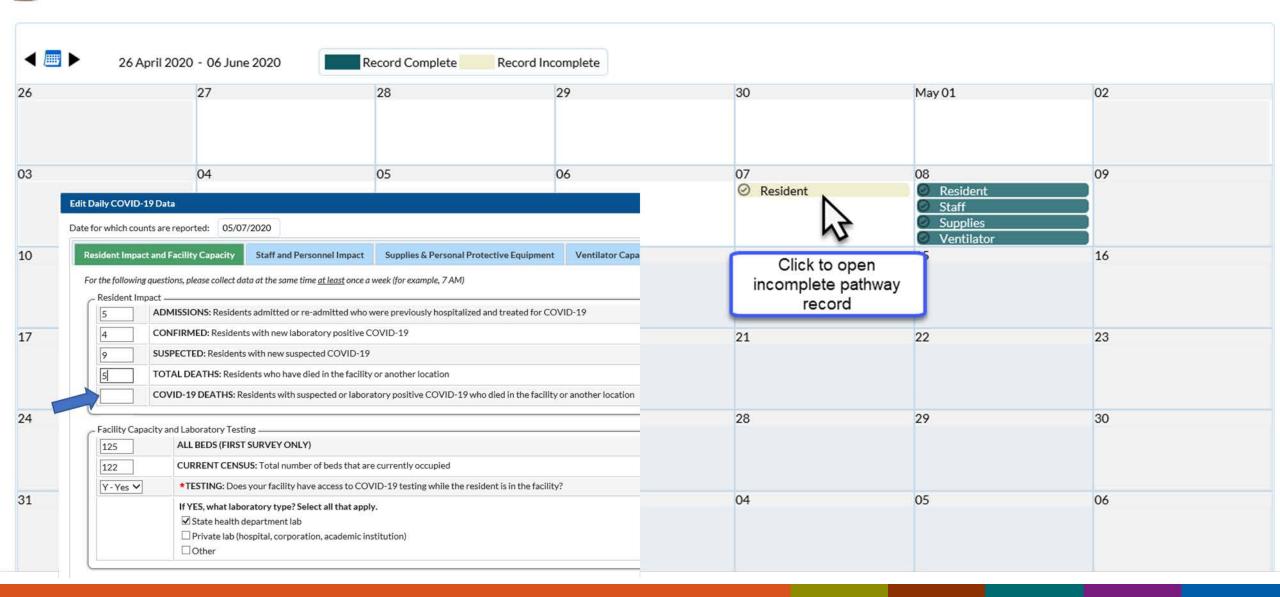




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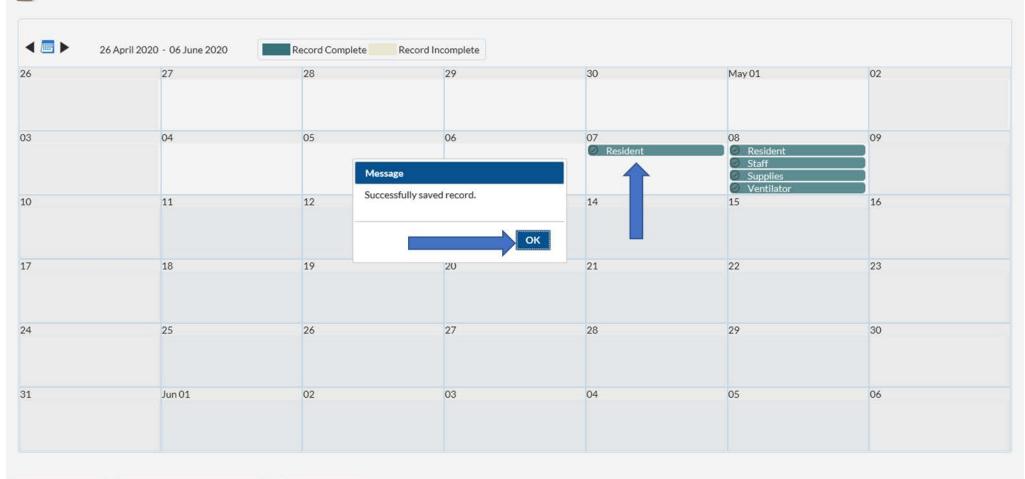
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- Updated Internet browser needed.
- Recommended: Internet Explorer 11 (latest version), Microsoft Edge (latest version), Chrome (latest version), Firefox (latest version), or Safari (latest version).
- Other browsers or older versions of the recommended browsers may work, however certain features may be incompatible.
- Please review the system requirements for your specific browser
 - for example, Internet Explorer: https://support.microsoft.com/enus/help/11531/internet-explorer-system-requirements

- Data elements consists of counts and yes/no responses to questions.
- Responses to yes/no questions are based on the date responses are being reported in the Module.



- The first time a LTCF enters counts in the LTCF COVID-19 Module, unless otherwise specified, counts for each question must include the number of new counts for that week (previous 7 days).
- Counts include:
 - admissions for previously treated COVID-19 residents
 - Suspected and confirmed COVID-19 for residents and staff
 - Total deaths
 - COVID-19 deaths



- A facility may enter aggregate retrospective counts from January 1, 2020 to April 30, 2020
- To submit aggregate counts prior to May 1, 2020, use the arrow back icon on the calendar view to select any calendar date prior to May 1, 2020.

- Enter ZERO (0) if the answer is zero for questions requiring counts
 - Blank data element = missing data



SUSPECTED

- Includes residents without lab positive test result, but are managed as though they have COVID-19 because of signs and symptoms in accordance with CDC's guidance for evaluation of persons under investigation (PUI)
 - may include residents who have not been tested or those with pending test results.
 - may include residents with negative test result, but with signs and symptoms
 - Includes residents that have since transferred out of the facility or died.



- UPDATE to Ventilator Dependent Unit
- Will now include LTCFs with ventilator dependent unit(s) and/or beds.

Counts Example

DHQP skill nursing is 125 bed facility that recently completed NHSN enrollment in the LTCF COVID-19 Module. Ms. B is the NHSN facility administrator who will be entering the data into the NHSN module.

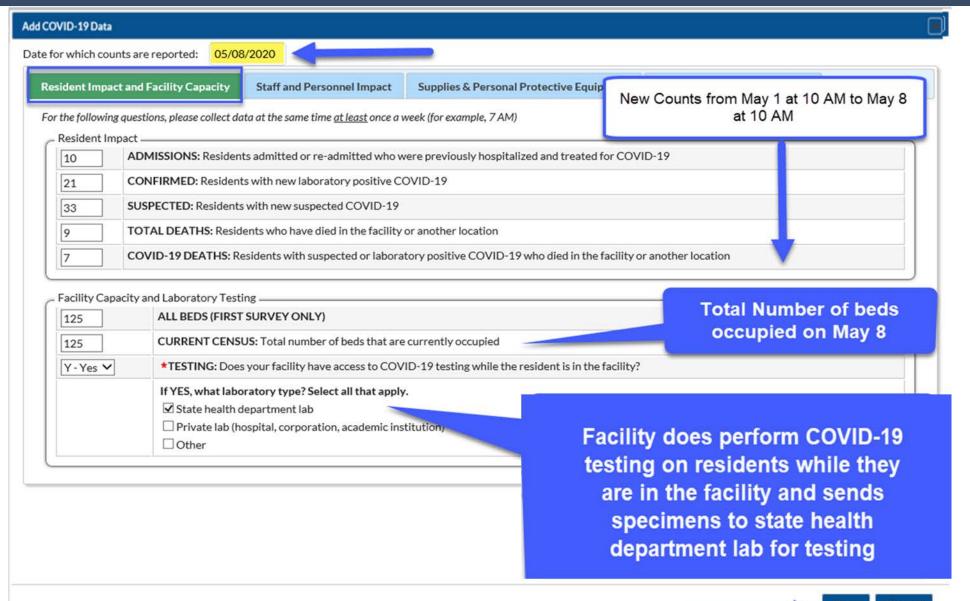
Her organization determined responses will be entered every Friday, beginning on **May 8.** The facility has been using the NHSN data collection forms to collect counts every morning at 10AM since May 1.

- From May 1 at 10AM to 10AM on May 8, the facility had the following new counts (since prior to May 1): 10 admissions/readmissions of residents previously hospitalized and treated for COVID-19; 21 Lab-positive COVID-19 residents: 33 residents with signs/symptoms suggestive of COVID-19; 9 total deaths; 7 COVID-19 deaths.
- On Friday May 8, Ms. B logged-in the NHSN LTCF COVID-19 Module and reported the responses in the Resident Impact and Facility Capacity Pathway





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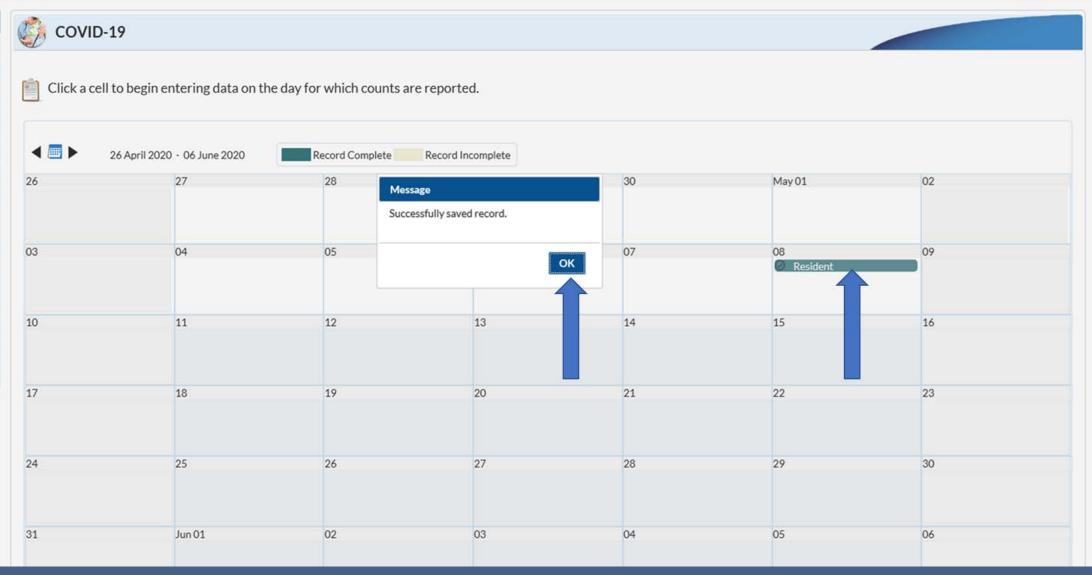




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Counts Example

After entering responses in the Facility Capacity Pathway, Ms. B decided that she wanted to document the morbidity and mortality COVID-19 had on their LTCF before the NHSN LTCF COVID-19 Module was available for reporting.

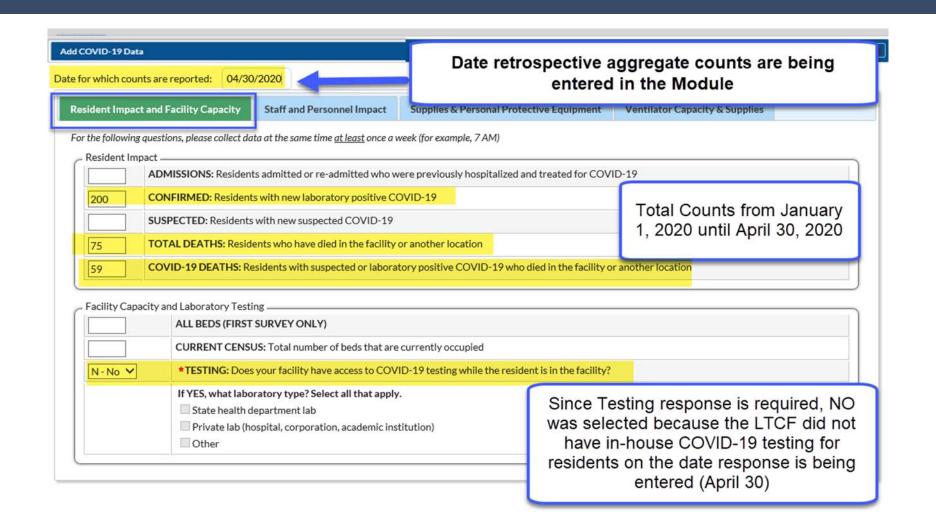
Since these counts must be reported separately on a date **prior to May 1**, Ms. B used the arrow back icon at the top of the calendar and selected the previous calendar month to report all of the aggregate counts she had available at the time.

The facility has the following retrospective counts from Jan 1 to April 30, 2020: 200 lab-positive residents; 10 lab-positive staff; 0 staff deaths related to COVID-19; 75 total resident deaths; and 59 COVID-19 related resident deaths.





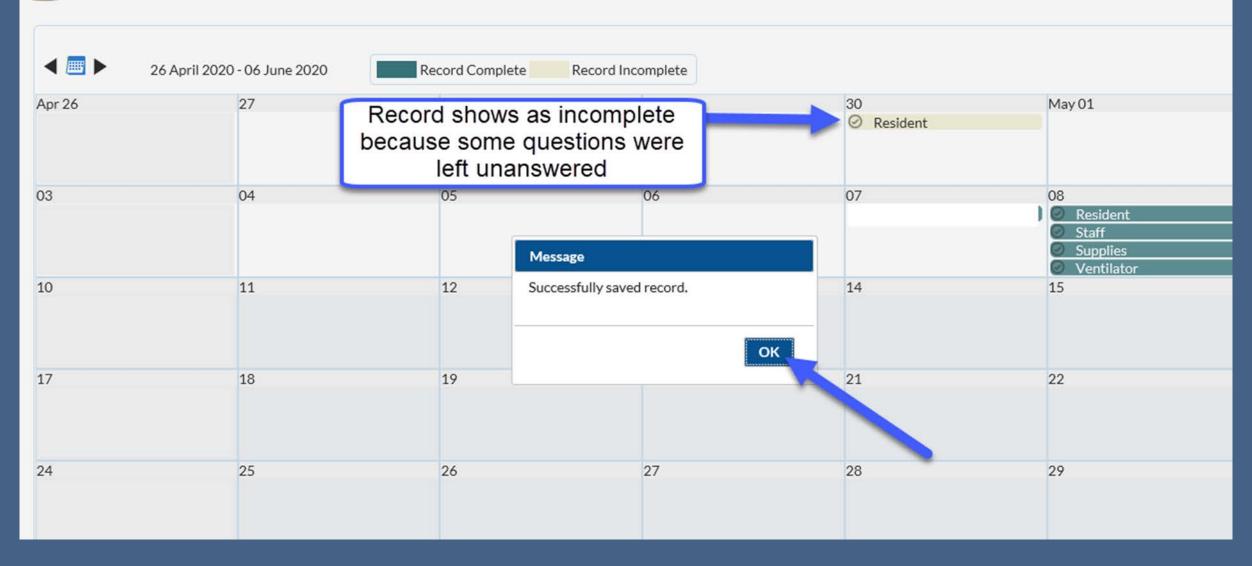
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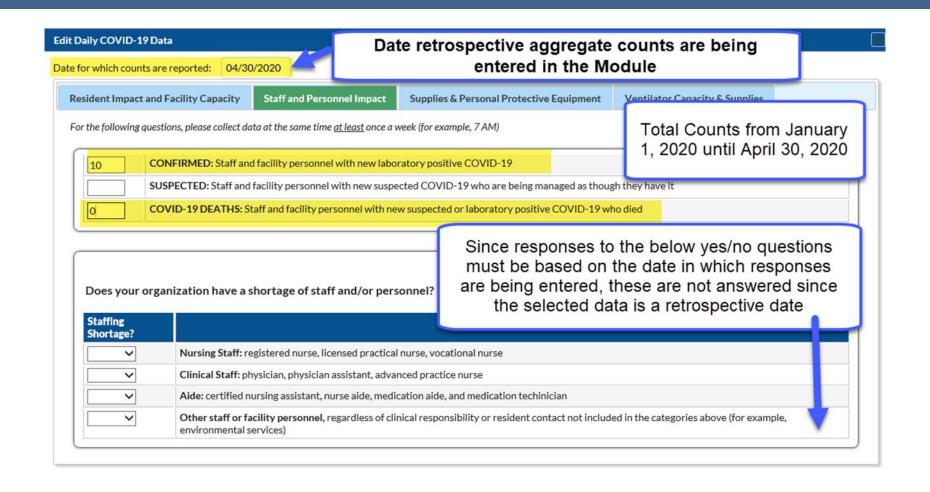
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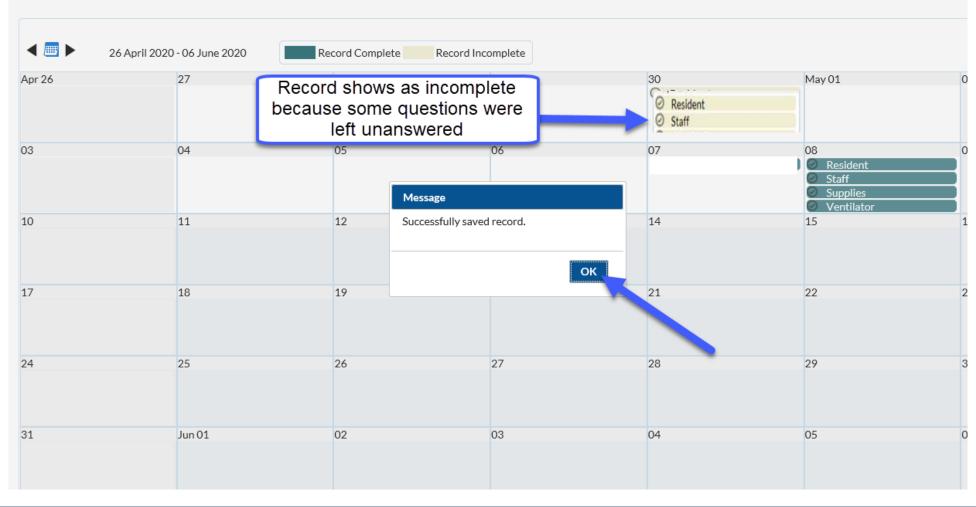
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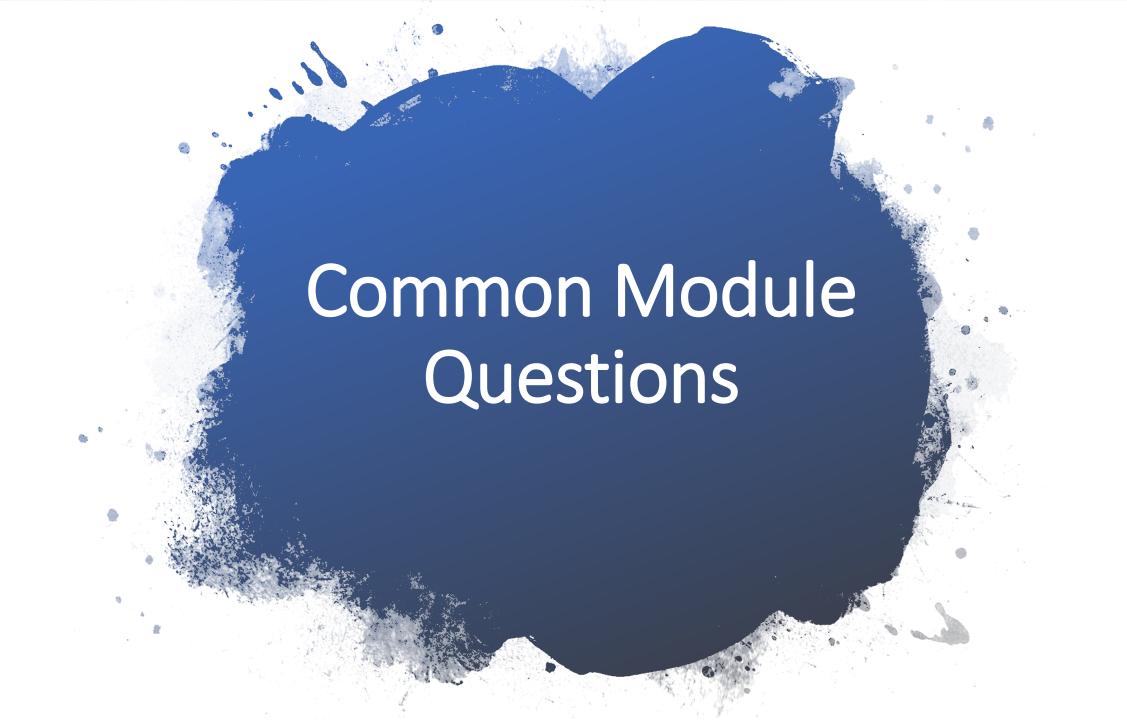




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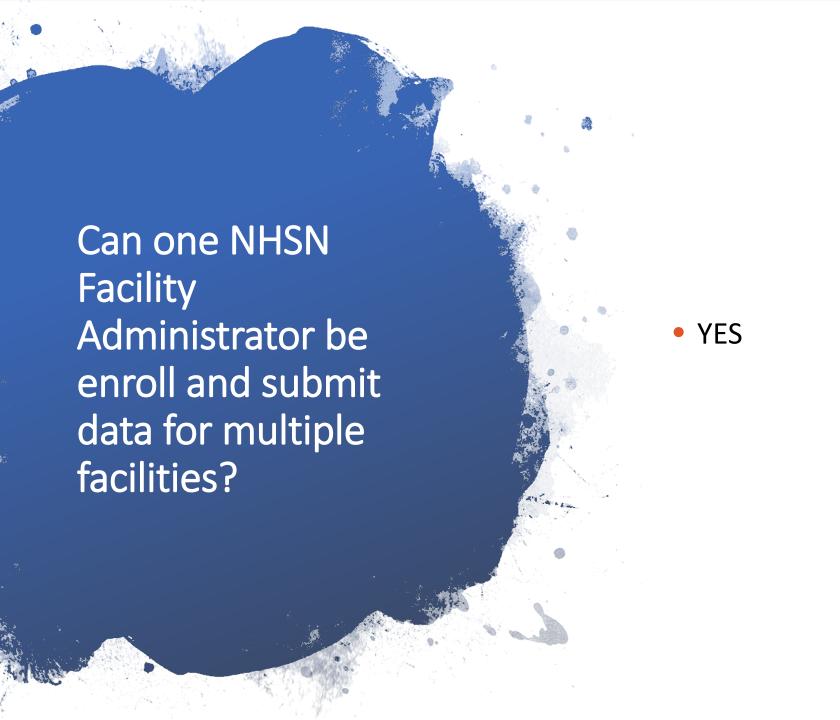


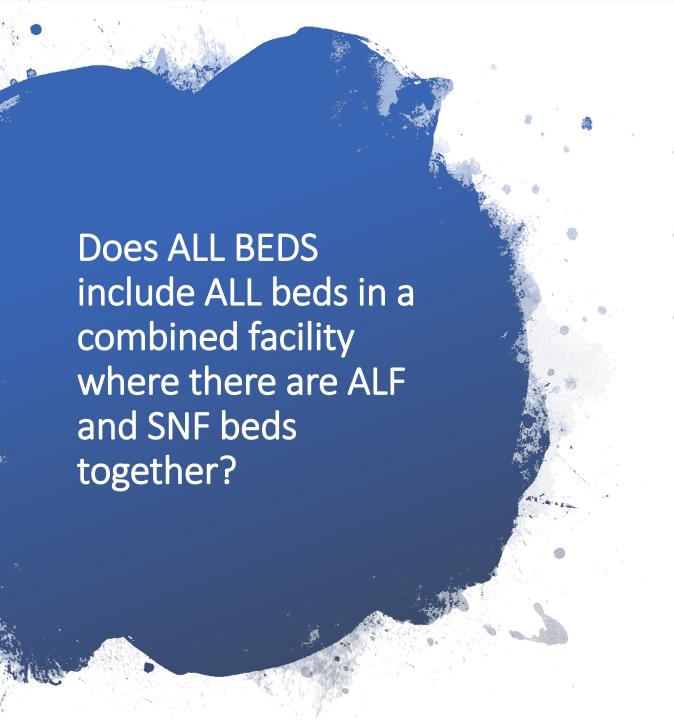






 Questions from users about CMS' enforcement of the new COVID-19 reporting requirement on nursing homes should be directed to DNH Enforcement@cms.hhs.gov.





- ALL BEDS must include all licensed beds for that particular facility type.
- This count should not include beds for other facility types.
- For example, a reporting skilled nursing facility should include the total licensed bed count for the skilled nursing facility. The counts should not include beds for the assisted living facility since the ALF should enroll as a separate facility type.

Additional Resources:

- CDC's Coronavirus (COVID-19) website: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html
- NHSN COVID-19 Webpage for Long-term Care Facilities: https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/covid19/index.html
- CDC's National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) Home Page: https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/index.html
- Guidance for Retirement Communities and Independent Living: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/retirement/index.html
- Preparedness Checklist for Nursing Homes and Other Long-Term Care Settings:
 https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/long-term-care-checklist.html
- Guidance for U.S. Healthcare Facilities about Coronavirus (COVID-19): https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/us-healthcare-facilities.html
- Preparing for COVID-19: Long-term Care Facilities, Nursing Homes: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/long-term-care.html

