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Hot and bothered about flu season? Well, this year's season is now cresting, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Last year's flu season reached its peak on March 1, and the 2016/2017 season appears to be following the same pattern. For up-to-date flu information, the CDC publishes weekly updates on the distribution of different strains and incidence around the country.

Thinking about the peak of flu season leads us to be hot and bothered about reporting for ASC-8, Influenza Vaccination Coverage among Healthcare Personnel. We at the Outpatient Support Team want to help you enter your ASC's flu data into the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN). To meet ASC Quality Reporting (ASCQR) Program requirements, data can be entered at any time up to 11:59 p.m. on **May 15, 2017**. Note that the database remains open after this time, but data entered after May 15 will not count toward meeting ASCQR Program requirements.

How can you verify that your data have been entered successfully? You can look it up! We have a lookup tool on Quality Reporting Center that allows you to enter your facility's National Provider Identifier (NPI) or CMS Certification Number (CCN) to see if your data have been successfully submitted. There's even a way to check data submission for past payment years.

Enter either your NPI or CCN, and you'll receive a listing of the data successfully entered for all measures reported using a web-based tool, including ASC-8. The tool indicates the latest data we have for your facility, so any data submitted after the date noted on the webpage are not available yet.

While you're there, print a screenshot for your records. Unlike a flu shot, it never hurts to be prepared and fully documented!

If you'd like to schedule a personalized time, appointments (Click Here) are now available with our quality reporting experts. We can walk you through registration and set up a remote session to assist you with navigating the NHSN data submission tool. Or, as always, you can call us at 866-800-8756 or email us at oqrsupport@hsag.com.