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Most of us can agree: It's a lot more fun to cross the finish line than to train. Yet, training builds strength and muscle memory, and memory matters. It prepares us for the next event AND important future events.

Training and "muscle memory" also lead to success in meeting deadlines, including the new quarterly requirement. The next submission deadline for ASC-20* is **11:59 p.m. Pacific Time on Tuesday, November 15, 2022,** for Quarter 2 2022 data. The remaining quarterly deadlines for the calendar year (CY) 2022 reporting period are February 15, 2023 (Q3 2022), and May 15, 2023 (Q4 2022).

Your data submission status can be found on Quality Reporting Center. (Just check the "last updated" date.) Also, the Successful Reporting for COVID-19 Vaccination webinar provides step-by-step instructions for enrollment and reporting.

Training Tips:

🦾 **Have an active Facility Administrator** registered with Secure Access Management Services (SAMS) to access the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) web-based data submission tool.

🦾 **Ensure your data count toward a specific month** when completing the monthly data submission requirement. To do this, select a week that begins and ends in the month for which you intend to submit data. (For example, use Monday, August 22, 2022, to Sunday, August 28, 2022, for August data entry). Select the second or the third week of the month; this way you will avoid entering data for the wrong month. (On the NHSN website, see FAQ #6 under Data Reporting: Requirements for more details.)

🦾 **Check the alerts** in your action items. You can disregard the "Missing Weekly Summary Data" alerts if you have one green Record Complete week showing for each month. Alerts are used for many NHSN programs that are required to report HCP COVID-19 Vaccination data weekly. However, ASCs are only required to report one self-selected week per month. NHSN cannot delete these alerts for ASCs, even though they are not required.

💪 **Include zeros** in any boxes for which you have no data.

💪 **Make sure the numbers add up.** The sum of the numbers in Questions 2 and 3 in the Data Submission Form must equal your numbers in Question 1 for each column.

Remember, failure to complete data submission by the established deadlines puts your facility at risk of a 2% reduction to your CY 2024 Medicare payment update.

So, flex your muscles! Submit your ASC-20 data by the deadline and stay strong for the next one! Visit the NHSN website for additional information, or you can call the ASC Support Team at 866.800.8756.

*ASC-20 COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage Among Healthcare Personnel (HCP) Measure

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