



PCHQR Program Refresher: COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage Among Health Care Personnel Measure

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Purpose

This presentation will:

- Provide a refresher on the COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage Among Healthcare Personnel measure (COVID-19 HCP Vaccination measure).
- Show the steps to enter COVID-19 HCP Vaccination measure data into the CDC's National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) for the upcoming data submission deadline.
- Address frequently asked questions.

Objectives

PCHQR Program participants will:

- Understand the COVID-19 HCP Vaccination measure specifications.
- Apply the COVID-19 HCP Vaccination measure requirements for the PCHQR Program.
- Perform the steps to enter COVID-19 HCP Vaccination measure data into NHSN.
- Answer common questions regarding the COVID-19 HCP Vaccination measure

Acronyms and Abbreviations

ASCQR	Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting	HCP	Health Care Personnel
CAUTI	catheter-associated urinary tract infection	IPFQR	Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Quality Reporting
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	IPPS	Inpatient Prospective Payment System
CDI	<i>Clostridium difficile</i> Infection	IQR	Inpatient Quality Reporting
CLABSI	central line-associated bloodstream infection	LTCH PPS	Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System
CMS	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services	MRSA	Methicillin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>
CY	calendar year	NHSN	National Healthcare Safety Network
DACA	Data Accuracy and Completeness Acknowledgement	OCM	Oncology Care Measures
FR	<i>Federal Register</i>	OQR	Outpatient Quality Reporting
FY	fiscal year	PCHQR	PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospital Quality Reporting
HAI	Healthcare-Associated Infection	SSI	surgical site infection
HCAHPS	Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems Survey	PDC	Provider Data Catalog
HPS	Healthcare Personnel Safety	Q	quarter
HQR	Hospital Quality Reporting	VIQR	Value, Incentives, and Quality Reporting

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COVID-19 HCP Vaccination Measure Overview

Denominator

- The denominator is the number of healthcare personnel (HCP) eligible to work in the healthcare facility for at least one day during the reporting period, excluding persons with contraindications to the COVID-19 vaccination that are described by the CDC.
- The CDC considers a history of the following to be the only contraindications to vaccination with COVID-19 vaccines:
 - Severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) after a previous dose or to a component of the COVID-19 vaccine
 - Immediate allergic reaction of any severity to a previous dose or known (diagnosed) allergy to a component of the COVID-19 vaccine

Numerator

The numerator is the cumulative number of HCP eligible to work in the healthcare facility for at least one day during the reporting period and who received a completed vaccination course against COVID-19 since the date the vaccine was first available or on a repeated interval, if revaccination is recommended.

Numerator (continued)

A completed vaccination course may require one or more doses depending on the specific vaccine used.

- A completed course is defined as dose 1 and dose 2 of COVID-19 vaccines requiring two doses for completion or one dose of COVID-19 vaccine requiring only one dose for completion.
- Currently the measure does not include the administration of the booster vaccine.
 - For surveillance purposes, the CDC is requiring the data entry of the number of HCP that are eligible to receive an additional dose or booster of COVID-19 vaccine. Please refer to the [Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines](#) for additional information.

HCP Categories

- All core HCP include the sum of the following:
 - Employees
 - Licensed independent practitioners
 - Adult students/trainees and
 - Volunteers
- All HCP include the sum of each category above, including other contract personnel.

HCP Inclusions

HCP Category	Inclusion
Employee (staff on payroll)	Include all persons receiving a direct paycheck from the healthcare facility (i.e., on the facility's payroll), regardless of clinical responsibility or patient contact.
Licensed independent practitioners (Physicians, advanced practice nurses, and physician assistants)	Include physicians (MD, DO); advanced practice nurses; and physician assistants only who are affiliated with the healthcare facility, but are not directly employed by it (i.e., they do not receive a paycheck from the facility), regardless of clinical responsibility or patient contact. Post-residency fellows are also included in this category.
Adult students/trainees and volunteers	Include medical, nursing, or other health professional students, interns, medical residents, or volunteers aged 18 or older that are affiliated with the healthcare facility, but are not directly employed by it (i.e., they do not receive a paycheck from the facility), regardless of clinical responsibility or patient contact.
Other Contract Personnel	Defined as persons providing care, treatment, or services at the facility through a contract who do not meet the definition of any other required denominator category. This includes agency and/or PRN staff who are scheduled to work at the facility at least once per week.

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COVID-19 HCP Vaccination Measure PCHQR Program Requirements

FY 2022 IPPS/LTCH PPS Final Rule

- In the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS)/Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System (LTCH PPS) Final Rule (86 FR 45428–45434), CMS finalized the reporting of the COVID-19 HCP Vaccination measure for the PCHQR Program, as well as these quality reporting programs and additional post-acute care settings:
 - Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR)
 - Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Quality Reporting (IPFQR)
- CMS also finalized this measure for inclusion in the Hospital Outpatient Quality Reporting (OQR) Program and the Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting (ASCQR) Program.

Reporting Requirements

- PCHs will collect the numerator and denominator for the COVID-19 HCP Vaccination measure for at least one self-selected week during the month of the reporting quarter and submit to NHSN before the quarterly deadline.
 - Each quarter, the CDC will calculate a single quarterly COVID-19 HCP Vaccination coverage rate for each PCH by taking the average of the data from the three weekly rates.
 - CMS will publicly report each quarterly COVID-19 HCP Vaccination coverage rate as calculated by the CDC.
- For the FY 2023 program year, the reporting period will be October 1, 2021–December 31, 2021.
- Beginning with FY 2024 program year and subsequent years, data will be submitted quarterly following reporting deadlines for the PCHQR Program.

Data Submission

- CMS and the CDC encourage weekly reporting of the data.
- Hospitals will only be required to submit by the quarterly submission deadline.
 - For example, for the quarter (Q)4 2021 reporting period, hospitals will be required to submit all three months of data by the May 16, 2022, submission deadline.
 - The hospital meets submission requirements if the CDC can calculate a quarterly rate.
- CMS typically allows 4.5 months for hospitals to add new data and submit, resubmit, change, and delete existing data up until the submission deadline.
 - Data should be submitted well before the deadline to allow time to review the data for accuracy and make necessary corrections.
- Data can be modified in NHSN at any time; if modified in NHSN after the submission deadline, data are **not** sent to CMS nor used in CMS programs.

Submission Deadlines for PCHQR Program

Calendar Years (CYs) 2021 and 2022

Event Dates	Reporting Period	Submission Deadline
Q4 2021	Oct 1–Dec 31	May 16, 2022
Q1 2022	Jan 1–Mar 31	August 15, 2022
Q2 2022	Apr 1–Jun 30	November 15, 2022
Q3 2022	Jul 1–Sep 30	February 15, 2023
Q4 2022	Oct 1–Dec 31	May 15, 2023

PCHQR Measure Submission Deadlines by Due Date

[QualityNet – PCHQR Program Resources Page](#)

Due Date	CLABSI/CAUTI/SSI/MRSA/CDI*	Flu HCP Vac*	COVID-19 HCP Vac*	HCAHPS	OCM†‡ (PCH-15 only)	DACA
11/15/2021	Q2 2021** (4/1–6/30)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
01/05/2022	N/A	N/A	N/A	Q3 2021** (7/1–9/30)	N/A	N/A
02/15/2022	Q3 2021** (7/1–9/30)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
04/06/2022	N/A	N/A	N/A	Q4 2021 (10/1–12/31)	N/A	N/A
05/16/2022	Q4 2021 (10/1–12/31)	Q4 2021–Q1 2022 (10/1/21–3/31/22)	Q4 2021 (10/1–12/31)	N/A	N/A	N/A
07/06/2022 ^β	N/A	N/A	N/A	Q1 2022 (1/1–3/31)	N/A	N/A
08/15/2022	Q1 2022 (1/1–3/31)	N/A	Q1 2022 (1/1–3/31)	N/A	CY 2021** (1/1–12/31)	N/A
08/31/2022	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	For FY 2023
10/05/2022 ^β	N/A	N/A	N/A	Q2 2022 (4/1–6/30)	N/A	N/A
11/15/2022	Q2 2022 (4/1–6/30)	N/A	Q2 2022 (4/1–6/30)	N/A	N/A	N/A

Reporting

Each quarter, the CDC will calculate a single quarterly COVID-19 HCP Vaccination coverage rate for each facility, by taking the average of the data from the three weekly rates submitted by the facility for that quarter.

- If more than one week of data is submitted for the month, for measure calculation purposes, the most recent week of the month will be used.

Public Reporting

- Public reporting will begin with the October 2022 release using data collected from Q4 2021 (October 1, 2021–December 31, 2021).
- CMS will not publicly report data averaged over four rolling quarters.
 - CMS will only report the most recent quarter of data, which we believe results in more meaningful, up-to-date information.

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COVID-19 HCP Vaccination Measure in NHSN

Getting Started in NHSN

Enrolling in NHSN

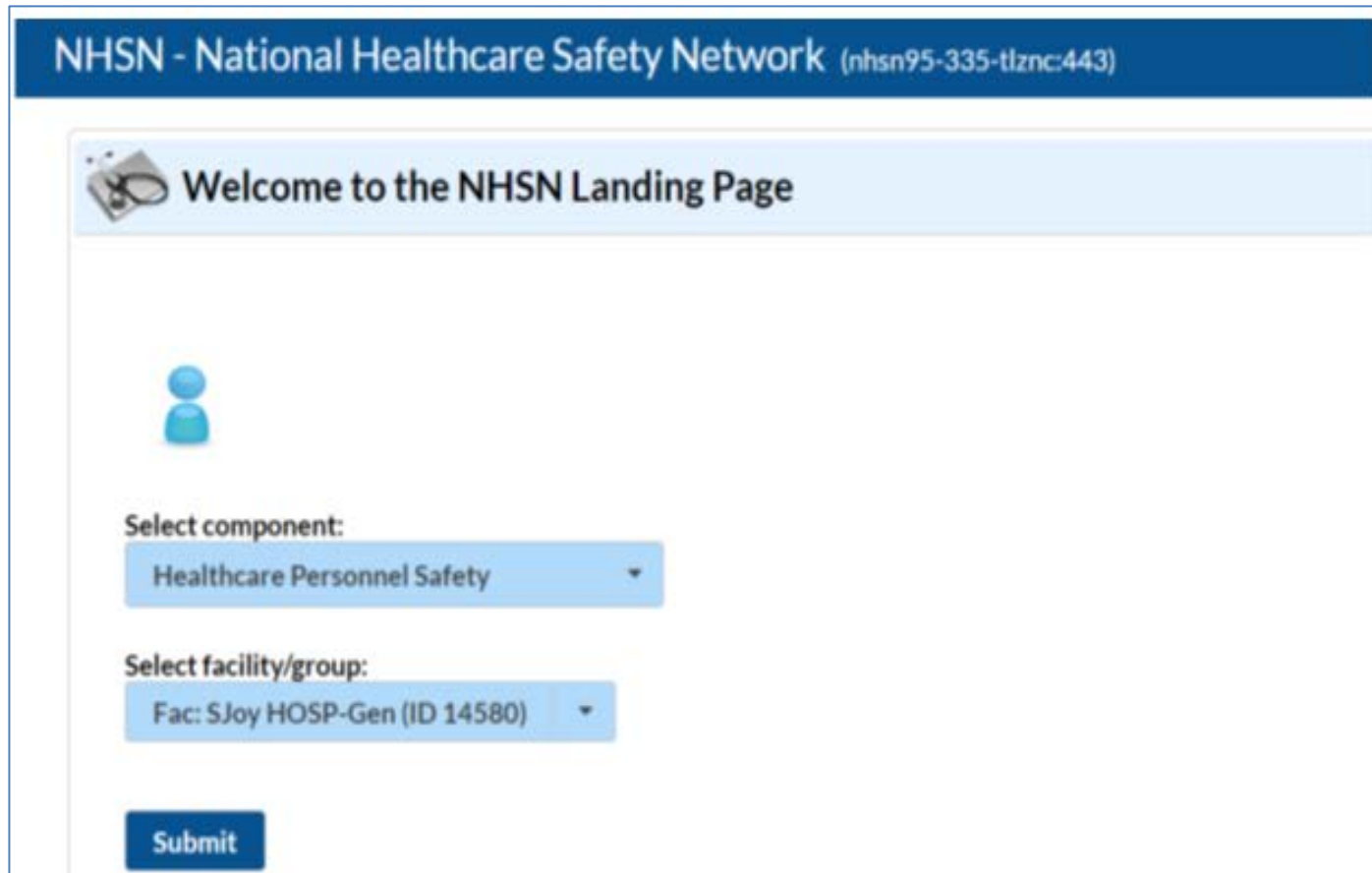
- Participating facilities must be enrolled in NHSN.
 - This usually takes at least 4–6 weeks.
 - During the enrollment process, facilities may choose to participate in any of the NHSN components.
 - <http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/enrollment/index.html>

Activating the HPS Component

- Facilities enrolled in NHSN that will be participating in the HPS component must activate the component in NHSN.
- <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/hps/index.html>

NHSN Landing Page

Select the Healthcare Personnel Safety (HPS) Component.



The screenshot shows the NHSN Landing Page interface. At the top, a blue header bar contains the text "NHSN - National Healthcare Safety Network (nhsn95-335-tlzn:443)". Below this, a light blue banner reads "Welcome to the NHSN Landing Page" next to a small icon of a stethoscope. The main content area features a blue person icon, followed by two dropdown menus. The first dropdown is labeled "Select component:" and has "Healthcare Personnel Safety" selected. The second dropdown is labeled "Select facility/group:" and has "Fac: SJoy HOSP-Gen (ID 14580)" selected. A dark blue "Submit" button is located at the bottom left of the form area.

NHSN - National Healthcare Safety Network (nhsn95-335-tlzn:443)

Welcome to the NHSN Landing Page

Select component:
Healthcare Personnel Safety

Select facility/group:
Fac: SJoy HOSP-Gen (ID 14580)

Submit

HPS Home Page

- Select Vaccination Summary on the left-hand navigation bar.
- Select COVID-19 Weekly Vaccination Summary.

The screenshot displays the NHSN Healthcare Personnel Safety Component Home Page. On the left is a navigation bar with the following items: NHSN Home, Alerts, Reporting Plan, HCW, Lab Test, Exposure, Prophylaxis/Treat, Import/Export, Vaccination Summary (highlighted with a red box), Surveys, and Analysis. The main content area is titled 'NHSN Healthcare Personnel Safety Component Home Page' and features an 'Action Items' section. Under this section, it says 'COMPLETE THESE ITEMS' and lists 'Confer Rights'. A dropdown menu is open for 'Vaccination Summary', showing three options: 'Annual Vaccination Flu Summary', 'Weekly Flu Vaccination Summary', and 'COVID-19 Weekly Vaccination Summary' (highlighted with a red box).

NHSN Home	
Alerts	
Reporting Plan	▶
HCW	▶
Lab Test	▶
Exposure	▶
Prophylaxis/Treat	▶
Import/Export	
Vaccination Summary	▶
Surveys	▶
Analysis	▶

NHSN Healthcare Personnel Safety Component Home Page

Action Items

COMPLETE THESE ITEMS




- Confer Rights

Vaccination Summary

- Annual Vaccination Flu Summary ▶
- Weekly Flu Vaccination Summary
- COVID-19 Weekly Vaccination Summary**

Calendar Week

Click on the week you wish to enter data.

 26 July 2021 - 05 September 2021

Record Complete

Record Incomplete

Weekly Vaccination Calendar

07/26/2021 (Monday) - 08/01/2021 (Sunday)


08/02/2021 (Monday) - 08/08/2021 (Sunday)

08/09/2021 (Monday) - 08/15/2021 (Sunday)

08/16/2021 (Monday) - 08/22/2021 (Sunday)

Monthly Reporting Plan

- The plan collects data on which modules and months the facility plans to participate.
- The plan must be completed before entering data for that month.

 **NHSN**
National Healthcare
Safety Network

Form Approved
OMB No. 0920-0866
Exp. Date: 11/30/2021
www.oas.samhsa.gov

Healthcare Personnel Safety Monthly Reporting Plan

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Facility ID#: _____ *Month/Year: _____ / _____

☐ No NHSN Healthcare Personnel Safety Modules followed this month

Healthcare Personnel Exposure Modules

☐ Blood/Body Fluid Exposure Only
☐ Blood/Body Fluid Exposure with Exposure Management
☐ Influenza Exposure Management

Healthcare Personnel Vaccination Module

☐ Influenza Vaccination Summary
☐ Influenza Vaccination Summary for the Hospital
☐ Influenza Vaccination Summary for the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Unit(s)
☐ Influenza Vaccination Summary for the Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Unit(s)

Weekly COVID-19 Vaccination Module

☐ COVID-19 Vaccination Summary
☐ COVID-19 Vaccination Summary for the Hospital
☐ COVID-19 Vaccination Summary for the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Unit(s)
☐ COVID-19 Vaccination Summary for the Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Unit(s)

Five Key Required Questions for Weekly Vaccination Reporting

1. What is the number of current HCPs?
2. What number of these HCP have **ever been** vaccinated (cumulative number vaccinated) with the COVID-19 vaccine?
3. What number of these HCPs have other conditions?
4. What is the number of HCP who have received a complete COVID-19 vaccine series **and** who are **eligible** to receive an **additional dose or booster**?
5. What is the number of HCP in Question 4 who have received an additional vaccine dose or booster since August 2021?

Vaccination Summary Data

- Complete the required fields.
- Red asterisks indicate questions that must be completed.
- Use the tab key on a computer keyboard to move across columns.
- Enter 0 if no HCP are reported for a required field.

Healthcare Personnel COVID-19 Vaccination Cumulative Summary for Non-Long-Term Care Facilities						
Date Created: <input type="text"/> Facility ID #: 10937 Location Type *: COVID-19 Vac Vaccination type *: COVID19 Facility CCN #: N/A Week of Data Collection: 08/30/2021 - 09/05/2021 Date Last Modified: <input type="text"/>						
Cumulative Vaccination Coverage						
			Healthcare Personnel (HCP) Categories			
			Employee HCP	Non-Employee HCP		
	* All Core HCP ^a	* All HCP ^b	* Employees (staff on facility payroll) ^c	* Licensed independent practitioner HCP ^d	* Adult students/trainees and volunteers ^e	* Other contract personnel ^f
1. * Number of HCP that were eligible to have worked at this healthcare facility for at least 1 day during the week of data collection	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
2. * Cumulative number of HCP in Question #1 who have received COVID-19 vaccines at this facility or elsewhere since December 2020:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
* Any completed COVID-19 vaccine series	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
3.1. * Medical contraindication reason to not receive COVID-19 vaccine	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
3.2. * Offered but declined COVID-19 vaccine	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
3.3. * Unknown COVID-19 vaccination status	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
4. * Cumulative number of HCP in Question #2 eligible to receive an additional dose or booster of COVID-19 vaccine:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
5. * Cumulative number of HCP in Question #4 who have received an additional dose or booster of COVID-19 vaccine at this facility or elsewhere since August 2021 :	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

PFIZERBION - Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine
 MODERNA - Moderna COVID-19 vaccine
 JANSSEN - Janssen COVID-19 vaccine
 UNSPECIFIED - Unspecified manufacturer

Denominator and Numerator Category Definitions

Review the Table of Instructions before collecting and entering data:

<https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/hps/weekly-covid-vac/index.html>

Data Fields	Instructions for Completion
All Core HCP	This number is the sum of employees (staff on facility payroll), licensed independent practitioners (physicians, advanced practice nurses, & physician assistants) and adult students/trainees & volunteers. This field is auto-populated by NHSN.
All HCP	This number is the sum of employees (staff on facility payroll), licensed independent practitioners (physicians, advanced practice nurses, & physician assistants), adult students/trainees & volunteers, and other contract personnel. This field is auto-populated by NHSN.
Employee HCP (Staff on facility payroll)	<i>Required.</i> Defined as all persons receiving a direct paycheck from the healthcare facility (i.e., on the facility's payroll), regardless of clinical responsibility or patient contact.
Non-Employee HCP (Licensed independent practitioners: Physicians, advanced practice nurses, & physician assistants)	<i>Required.</i> Defined as physicians (MD, DO); advanced practice nurses; and physician assistants only who are affiliated with the healthcare facility, but are not directly employed by it (i.e., they do not receive a paycheck from the facility), regardless of clinical responsibility or patient contact. Post-residency fellows are also included in this

Saving HCP COVID-19 Vaccination Measure Data

Click on the Save button at the bottom of the screen after entering data.

Reminder for reporting to Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS)

Please note that clinically significant adverse events following COVID-19 vaccination should be reported to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) at <https://vaers.hhs.gov/reportevent.html>. To help identify reports from NHSN sites, please enter your NHSN orgID in Box 26 of the VAERS form.

Clinically significant adverse events include vaccine administration errors and serious adverse events (such as death, life-threatening conditions, or inpatient hospitalization) that occur after vaccination, even if it is not certain that vaccination caused the event.

Other clinically significant adverse events may be described in the provider emergency use authorization (EUA) fact sheets or prescribing information for the COVID-19 vaccine(s). Healthcare providers should comply with VAERS reporting requirements described in EUAs or prescribing information.

Save

Cancel

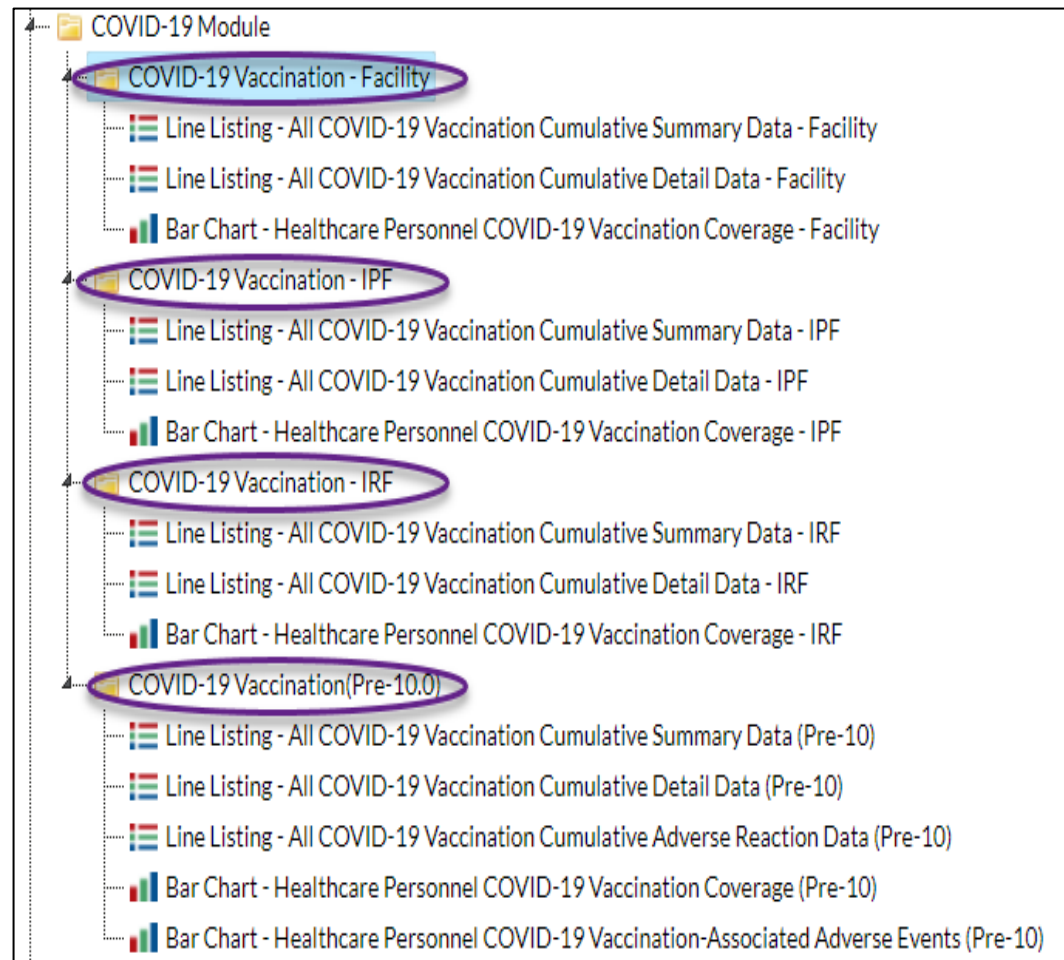
Tracking Worksheet

- This optional tool is in an Excel spreadsheet format.
- This tool auto-calculates answers to the vaccination data collection form: <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/hps/weekly-covid-vac/index.html>

Healthcare Personnel COVID-19 Vaccination Cumulative Summary for Non-Long-Term Care Facilities TRACKING WORKSHEET					*Facility ID#:			
					Vaccination type:		COVID_19	
					*First day of Reporting Week (Monday):		8/2/2021	
					Last day of the reporting week (Sunday):		8/8/2021	
*HCP Start of Employment Date (Enter Date)	HCP End of Employment Date (Enter Date)	HCP Last Name (Enter name)	HCP First Name (Enter name)	Unique HCP Identifier (Enter DOB, License #, etc.)	*Vaccinated with Dose 1 (Enter date of vaccination 1)	*Dose 1 Vaccine Manufacturer Name (choose from drop-down)	*Vaccinated with Dose 2 (Enter date of vaccination 2)	*Dose 2 Vaccine Manufacturer Name (choose from drop-down)
READ THIS - Instructions		TrackingWorksheet		ReportingSummary		+		

NHSN Analysis and Reporting

- Use the Analysis tool within NHSN to generate summary reports for facility data.
- Reports are in two folders:
 - COVID-19 Vaccination holds data after the September 2021 NHSN update.
 - COVID-19 Vaccination (Pre-10.0) holds data before the September 2021 NHSN update.



NHSN Resources

Training materials include the following:

- Data collection forms
- Tables of instructions
- Tracking worksheets
- Training slides
- Analysis and reporting guides
- .CSV file resources

The screenshot shows the NHSN Home page for the Healthcare Personnel Safety Component (HPS). The breadcrumb trail at the top reads "CDC > NHSN Home > Healthcare Personnel Safety Component (HPS)". The left sidebar contains links: "NHSN Home", "NHSN Login", "About NHSN", "Enroll Facility Here", "CMS Requirements", "Change NHSN Facility Admin", and "Resources by Facility". The main content area is titled "Weekly HCP COVID-19 Vaccination" and "Weekly COVID-19 Vaccination Data Reporting". It states that facilities can track weekly COVID-19 vaccination data for healthcare personnel (HCP) through NHSN. Under the "Training" section, there are three links: "NHSN Quick Learn Demonstration: Reporting Weekly Cumulative COVID-19 Vaccination Data - May 2021" (with a YouTube link and 21 min duration), "Slideset" (PDF - 1 MB), and "Reporting Weekly COVID-19 Vaccination Data - December 2020". A "Frequently Asked Questions" box on the right contains "FAQs on Reporting COVID-19 Vaccination Data".

<https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/hps/weekly-covid-vac/index.html>

NHSN Questions

- User support: nhsn@cdc.gov
 - Write *Weekly COVID-19 Vaccination* in the subject line of the e-mail.
- For more information:
 - 1-800-CDC-INFO (232-4636)
 - TTY: 1-888-232-6348
 - www.cdc.gov

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Frequently Asked Questions

Denominator and Numerator

Question: For employees that have a religious exemption for the vaccine, will hospitals be penalized since it is entered as declined?

Answer: Facilities should report COVID-19 vaccination summary data through NHSN per CDC guidance. For CMS, if the CDC can calculate a quarterly rate and submit it to CMS, then the facility will meet the reporting requirements and would not be subject to any penalties.

Healthcare Personnel (HCP) Categories

Question: Is there any guidance for who qualifies as “HCP” versus “Non-HCP”?

Answer: HCP are included regardless of clinical responsibility or patient contact.

Refer to the [Instructions for Completion of the Weekly HCP COVID-19 Vaccination Cumulative Summary](#) for further guidance.

Reporting Requirements

Question: How long will weekly reporting continue?

Answer: For CMS, the requirement to report at least one week per month of the HCP COVID-19 Vaccination measure will continue until further notice. Any substantive changes to the measure or removal of the measure would be proposed in future rule making.

Question: Is it a federal requirement to report HCP COVID-19 Vaccination measure data via NHSN to pass the reporting of the measure?

Answer: Yes, in the FY 2022 IPPS/LTCH PPS Final Rule, CMS finalized that hospitals would collect the numerator and denominator for the HCP COVID-19 Vaccination measure for at least one self-selected week during each month of the reporting quarter and submit the data to the NHSN HPS Component before the CMS quarterly deadline to meet quality reporting program requirements.

Data Submission

**Question: What is the submission deadline?
Are we required to report one week a month?**

Answer: The submission of the HCP COVID-19 Vaccination measure follows the same submission timeline as the other healthcare-associated infection (HAI) measures. The deadline for submitting Q4 2021 data is May 16, 2022.

CMS Reporting

Question: Will CMS pull data out of NHSN, or will hospitals enter denominator and numerator data manually into the *Hospital Quality Reporting (HQR) Secure Portal*?

Answer: The CDC transmits data to CMS periodically during the submission period and immediately following the CMS quarterly submission deadline.

CMS Reports and Public Reporting

Question: Will the COVID-19 vaccination metrics be publicly reported?

Answer: With the adoption of this new measure, public reporting will begin with the October 2022 Provider Data Catalog (PDC), or as soon as technically feasible, using data collected from Q4 2021 (October 1, 2021–December 31, 2021). We will only report the most recent quarter of data in each refresh. We will not add one additional quarter of data during each advancing refresh (i.e., each refresh will not display four rolling quarters of data).

Calendar Week, Monthly Reporting Plan, and Reporting

Question: Why does the CDC request weekly data if they are only going to use the most recent week submitted/reported?

Answer: Facilities are encouraged to report HCP COVID-19 vaccination summary counts on a weekly basis so data can be used to inform COVID-19 vaccination activities at the facility and to monitor national trends for public health surveillance purposes.

NHSN Data Entry

Question: Will there be a CMS report in NHSN that will reflect what is sent to CMS for the HCP COVID-19 Vaccination measure?

Answer: Facilities can generate data reports using the NHSN analysis and reporting functions. It is recommended to allow ample time before the submission deadline to review and, if necessary, correct your HCP data. Data that are modified in NHSN after the CMS submission deadline are not sent to CMS and will not be publicly reported.

QualityNet Resources

PCHQR Program Resources

Program Resources

Web Resources

Forms

Final Rules

PCHQR Program Resources

File Name	File Type	File Size	
Frequently Asked Questions: COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage Among Healthcare Personnel (HCP) Measure (02/2022)	PDF	174 KB	Download
2021 PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospitals Quality Reporting (PCHQR) Program Manual (12/2021)	PDF	3 MB	Download
PCHQR Program Data Submission Deadlines (12/2021)	PDF	257 KB	Download
PCHQR Program Measure Crosswalk (12/2021)	PDF	114 KB	Download
PCHQR Measure to Public Reporting Period Relationship Matrix (12/2021)	PDF	192 KB	Download

Accessing the QualityNet Questions and Answers Tool

The screenshot shows the CMS.gov QualityNet website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the CMS.gov logo, a search bar, and links for 'Quality Programs', 'Help', 'Log into Secure Portal', and 'Register'. The 'Help' link is highlighted with a red box. Below the navigation bar, a dropdown menu is open, displaying three main categories: 'Getting Started', 'Known Issues & Maintenance', and 'Question & Answer Tools'. Under 'Question & Answer Tools', the link 'PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospitals' is highlighted with a red box. Other links in the dropdown include 'Registration', 'Sign In Instructions', 'Security Statement & Policy', 'Password Rules', 'Known Issues', 'System Maintenance', 'QualityNet Support', 'QualityNet Training', 'QualityNet Secure Portal', 'Secure File Transfer', 'QualityNet Events Center', 'Hospitals - Inpatient', 'Hospitals - Outpatient', 'Ambulatory Surgical Centers', 'ESRD Facilities', and 'Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities'. A 'Close' button is located in the top right corner of the dropdown menu.

Getting Started
Registration
Sign In Instructions
Security Statement & Policy
Password Rules

Known Issues & Maintenance
Known Issues
System Maintenance

QualityNet Support
QualityNet Support

Question & Answer Tools
Hospitals - Inpatient
Hospitals - Outpatient
PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospitals
Ambulatory Surgical Centers
ESRD Facilities
Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities

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QualityNet Question and Answer Site

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Program *
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Topic *
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Subject *
enter a brief summary of your question (limit 160 chars)

Question (4000 Characters Max) *
enter your question for CMS

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SUBMIT QUESTION

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