



## Update to COVID-19 Reporting Requirements for Skilled Nursing Facilities

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The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services recently introduced a system for weekly reporting of COVID-19 for skilled nursing facilities. The Michigan Department of Health & Human Services requires daily reporting. To reduce duplication and burden for SNFs, MDHHS is aligning itself with CMS reporting. For details, please see the full memo below from MDHHS.

Nursing Facility Providers,

On May 6, 2020, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released memo QSO-20-29-NH describing COVID-19 reporting requirements for skilled nursing facilities (SNF) and introducing the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) system. As CMS introduces new weekly reporting requirements, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) maintains daily reporting requirements for skilled nursing facilities. In the interest of reducing reporting duplication and burden for skilled nursing facilities, the MDHHS is aligning the current EMResource data set to include the complete NHSN Long-Term Care Facility (LTCF) COVID-19 Module, in addition to Michigan-specific data elements. MDHHS will transmit the skilled nursing facility's reported data set to NHSN. Skilled nursing facilities will only need to report in EMResource to satisfy the COVID-19 related MDHHS and CMS reporting requirements. **Skilled nursing facilities must have access to the NHSN system and an NHSN number for MDHHS to report on their behalf.**

In addition, for MDHHS to transmit data to NHSN on behalf of skilled nursing facilities, a new time-limited reporting event, called COVID-19 LTC/SNF Time-Limited, has been created in EMResource to collect the following information:

- the facility's name
- the facility's CMS Certification Number (CCN)
- NHSN Facility ID Number (facility identifier used by the National Healthcare Safety Network).

This information must be submitted one time in EMResource no later than Thursday, May 21, 2020. If a skilled nursing facility does not complete the COVID-19 LTC/SNF Time-Limited event by Thursday, May 21, 2020, MDHHS will be unable to transmit data to NHSN on the facility's behalf. Further, the facility will be required to report in both EMResource and NHSN.

This MDHHS time-limited reporting must be completed through the web-based EMResource tool which can be accessed at <https://emresource.juware.com/login>. For questions related to this time-limited reporting requirement, please email [MDHHS-MSA-COVID19@michigan.gov](mailto:MDHHS-MSA-COVID19@michigan.gov).

Skilled nursing facilities that do not have current account access or have questions related to EMResource should contact the [Regional Healthcare Coalition \(HCC\)](#) that serves the county in which the skilled nursing facility is located.

To enroll in NHSN, go to [LTCF COVID-19 Module Enrollment](#). For NHSN questions, please email: [NSHN@cdc.gov](mailto:NSHN@cdc.gov) and add "LTCF" in the subject header. If a facility is already enrolled in NHSN, please do NOT re-enroll.

**Note:** Skilled nursing facilities should continue to report in EMResource and NHSN until further guidance and information is provided by MDHHS.