

## GREATER NEW YORK HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION

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## Memo 25-01

To: Administrator, DNS, Medical Director, Infection Preventionists and QA Committee

From: Mary Gracey-White RN, Director of Regulatory Compliance and

Arlette A Drigpaul, MSN RN Infection Preventionist/Education Coordinator

Date: January 2, 2025

Re: NHSN LTCF Component - Respiratory Pathogens Updates

Wishes for a Healthy New Year as you continue to care for one of New York's most vulnerable populations, our nursing home residents.

As outlined in the Association's Memo 24-33 and reinforced by CMS <u>QSO-25-11-NH</u> - Long-Term Care (LTC) Facility Acute Respiratory Illness Reporting Requirements, new data elements for which NHSN reporting is required are **effective as of January 1, 2025**, and include:

- Facility census
- Resident vaccination status for COVID-19, influenza, and RSV,
- Confirmed resident cases of COVID-19, influenza, and RSV (overall and by vaccination status)
- Hospitalized residents with confirmed cases of COVID-19, influenza, and RSV (overall and by vaccination status).

For anyone who missed the CDC's December 11, 2024 training webinar, there will be a webinar replay on **Tuesday**, **January 7**, **2025**, at **1:00 PM Eastern Time** (**US and Canada**). Click on the hyperlink **Webinar Registration - Zoom to register.** 

We encourage you to ensure that staff who are responsible for reporting data have access to required reporting components within NHSN. See <a href="here">here</a> for Administrator training and <a href="here">here</a> on how to add a user.

For questions or concerns relating to <u>QSO-25-11-NH</u>, contact <u>DNH\_TriageTeam@cms.hhs.gov</u>.

Please refer to the Association's website, <u>Home - GNYHCFA</u>, for additional Infection Prevention and Control resources or contact us if you need additional information or support.

## References/Resources

CDC (12/3/2024). LTCF | Respiratory Pathogens and Vaccination Module | NHSN | CDC

Thank You, GNYHCFA Team