

# COVID-19 Hospital Data Reporting

## New Optional Flu and RSV Fields Added to the Hospital COVID-19 Reporting Module

### **Background:**

The COVID-19-related data reporting is important in supporting surveillance of, and response to, COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses, and the COVID-19 pandemic has underscored the public health threat of respiratory pathogens and highlighted the need for comprehensive, real-time data for prevention and response purposes.

Therefore, beginning Sunday, November 26, 2023, NHSN plans to expand the hospital COVID-19 module data collection form to include **optional** data fields for voluntary reporting of adult and pediatric influenza and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) new admissions, hospitalized patients, and hospitalized ICU patients.

Seasonal influenza and RSV can result in substantial burden on hospitals. The addition of these **optional** data fields can be used to improve situational awareness of severe respiratory illness, make forecasts, help direct resources to address the potential increased impact of flu, COVID-19, and RSV co-circulation and inform guidance and recommendations for public health professionals, clinicians, and the general public. Understanding influenza and RSV hospitalizations and admissions can also help to identify potential strains on PPE inventory.

### **Important information:**

- Reporting for the new influenza and RSV fields is **optional**.
- The addition of the influenza and RSV fields does **not** impact the [FY 2023 Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System \(IPPS\) and Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System \(LTCH PPS\) Final Rule \(CMS-1771-F\)](#) for hospital, critical access hospital (CAH), psychiatric facility, and rehabilitation facility infection prevention and control conditions of participation (CoP) requirements for hospital COVID-19 data reporting.
- Current processes for reporting hospital COVID-19 data to NHSN can continue exactly as is.
  - An updated CSV template will be available for reporters who elect to include the new flu and RSV in their hospital COVID-19 reporting.
  - The current CSV template can continue to be used with no impact to reporting processes or compliance under the conditions of participation requirements.

**New Optional Respiratory Pathogen Fields:**

- **Influenza** – adult and pediatric optional breakdown for the current required influenza fields
  - 33a. Hospitalized adult patients with laboratory-confirmed influenza virus infection
  - 33b. Hospitalized pediatric patients with laboratory-confirmed influenza virus infection
  - 34a. Previous day's adult admissions with laboratory-confirmed influenza virus infection
  - 34b. Previous day's pediatric admissions with laboratory-confirmed influenza virus infection
  - 35a. Hospitalized ICU adult laboratory-confirmed influenza patients
  - 35b. Hospitalized ICU pediatric laboratory-confirmed influenza patients
  
- **RSV**
  - 48a. Hospitalized adult laboratory-confirmed RSV patients
  - 48b. Hospitalized pediatric laboratory-confirmed RSV patients
  - 49a. Previous day's adult admissions with laboratory-confirmed RSV
  - 49b. Previous day's pediatric admissions with laboratory-confirmed RSV
  - 50a. Hospitalized ICU adult laboratory-confirmed RSV patients
  - 50b. Hospitalized ICU pediatric laboratory-confirmed RSV patients

**Timeline:**

The new optional fields will be available in the hospital COVID-19 reporting module on Sunday, November 26, 2023.