



# NHSN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY COMPONENT

MARCH 2018 NEWSLETTER

## COMING SOON! NHSN LTCF ANNUAL TRAINING

Plan to join us **July 16-18, 2018** for the 2018 National Healthcare Safety Network’s (NHSN) Annual Training for Long-term Care Facilities. The training will be held on the CDC campus in Atlanta, Georgia and will include a variety of topics including antibiotic stewardship, hands on data analysis, surveillance and prevention for urinary tract infections, C. difficile, multi-drug resistant organisms, and more.

Keep a look out for a registration e-mail from NHSN, which will launch in the next few months. While there is no registration fee, participants will be responsible for all travel expenses to include transportation, lodging, and the cost of food and beverages. Capacity for the training is approximately 300 participants, and invitations to attend in-person will be issued based on a randomized lottery system.

For those unable to attend in-person, all presentations during the three-day training will be available via live web-stream. Please email [NHSNtrain@cdc.gov](mailto:NHSNtrain@cdc.gov) with training-related questions

## REMINDER: NHSN RE-CONSENT IS DUE!

Way to go! So far 40% of long-term care facilities have completed the re-consent process. Facilities that enrolled in NHSN before December 2, 2017 must accept the updated NHSN Consent. The NHSN assigned Facility Administrator or Primary Contact for the LTCF must agree to this updated Consent Form **no later than June 14, 2018** to avoid losing access to NHSN.

Additional information, including Frequently Asked Questions and the updated NHSN purposes, are available on CDC's NHSN [website](#). If you have any questions, please send an email to [NHSN@cdc.gov](mailto:NHSN@cdc.gov) with the subject line “NHSN Re-consent.”

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***NOTE: Facilities that enrolled in NHSN on or after December 2, 2017, have already accessed this new Consent and will not need to accept it again if they have already done so.***

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## HAVE YOU COMPLETED THE 2017 NHSN ANNUAL FACILITY SURVEY?

Though the deadline to complete the Annual Facility Survey has passed, we have close to 60% of facilities with completed annual surveys. There is still time to complete the survey in order to re-gain access to NHSN reporting. Those facilities that have not completed and submitted your 2017 Annual Facility Survey, please do so now!



Each calendar year, the Annual Facility Survey must be completed and submitted into the NHSN application portal by all enrolled facilities to provide updated information on LTCF characteristics and practices. Failure to accomplish this task by the designated due date will result in users not being able to complete monthly reporting plans or enter event data. After the survey is completed, users will regain full access to all pre-existing data and functionality.

As a reminder, the NHSN Annual Facility Survey must be completed and submitted in its entirety electronically into the NHSN application and should not be sent to NHSN via e-mail.

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***If users are uncertain about any question in the survey, the Annual Facility Survey Table of Instructions can be used as a guide. This document is located on our website, [here](#). For further assistance, please contact us at [nhsn@cdc.gov](mailto:nhsn@cdc.gov) and include "LTCF Annual Facility Survey" in the subject line.***

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# EDITING NHSN ANNUAL FACILITY SURVEY GUIDANCE



**For question #3 on the NHSN Annual Facility Survey , please verify the correct selection has been made on your NHSN Annual Facility Survey for Primary Testing Method for *C. difficile*.**

Certain testing methods are more sensitive at detecting *C. difficile* than others, so accuracy in selecting the primary testing method for your facility is important, particularly when comparing your *C. difficile* infection rates to another facility.

If your facility uses more than one laboratory, the testing method should be based on the laboratory in which **most** of your resident specimens are sent. As a reminder, cell cytotoxicity neutralization assay, toxigenic culture, and other are uncommon selections. Please verify with your diagnostic laboratory if you've selected one of these options on the survey. Remember!! Completed Annual Facility Surveys CAN be viewed and edited. See below for steps:

## Step 1.

Sign into NHSN

## Step 2.

Under the Left-side Tool-bar, **Click Surveys** to open selections, and then **Click Find**.

# EDITING NHSN ANNUAL SURVEY GUIDANCE, CONT'D

## Step 3.

Select the Correct Survey Year, and then Click FIND

**NHSN Home**

- Alerts
- Reporting Plan ▶
- Resident ▶
- Event ▶
- Summary Data ▶
- Surveys ▶
- Analysis ▶
- Users ▶

### Find Annual Survey

- Enter search criteria and click Find
- Fewer criteria will return a broader result set
- More criteria will return a narrower result set

Facility ID: Angela LTCF Test Facility (ID 39455) ▼

Survey Year: 2016 ▼

**Find** **Clear** **Back**

## Step 4:

Once the survey opens, scroll to the bottom and Click on EDIT button

**CDC** Department of Health and Human Services  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

**NHSN - National Healthcare Safety Network**

Logged into Angela LTCF Test Facility (ID 39455) as AANTTILA.  
Facility Angela LTCF Test Facility (ID 39455) is following the LTCF component.

### View Annual Survey

Mandatory fields marked with \*

Facility ID\*: Angela LTCF Test Facility (39455) Survey Year\*: 2015

National Provider ID\*: 222222 State Provider #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Facility Characteristics** [HELP](#)

Facility ownership\*: P - For profit Certification\*: MCARE - Medicare only

Affiliation\*: IFS - Independent, free-standing

In the previous calendar year,

Average daily census\*: 200

Total number of short-stay residents \*: 1000

Total number of long-stay residents \*: 1000

Average length of stay for long-stay residents: \_\_\_\_\_

Resident progress notes

Resident transfer or discharge notes

None of the above

**Edit** **Back**

**SCROLL to BOTTOM to EDIT**

## Step 5: After making survey edits/changes, scroll to the bottom of the page and Click SAVE

18. Has your facility provided education to clinicians and other relevant staff on improving antibiotic use in the past 12 months?  Y - Yes

**Electronic Health Record Utilization** [HELP](#)

19. Indicate whether any of the following are available in an electronic health record (check all that apply)\*:

- Microbiology lab culture and antimicrobial susceptibility results
- Medication orders
- Medication administration record
- Resident vital signs
- Resident admission notes
- Resident progress notes
- Resident transfer or discharge notes
- None of the above

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Annual Survey saved successfully.

**View Annual Survey**

[HELP](#)

## SHEA SPRING 2018 CONFERENCE, PORTLAND, OREGON

The Society of Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA) regularly convenes conferences to promote the prevention of healthcare-associated infections (HAI) and antibiotic resistance. During the SHEA Spring 2018 Conference, CDC staff will present on surveillance and prevention for LTCFs, including infection events reported to NHSN. More information about the SHEA Spring 2018 Conference can be found [here](#).

If you are attending the conference, be on the lookout for the following sessions:

### **Presenter: Elisabeth Mungai, MS, MPH**

Presentation: *Nursing Home Characteristics Associated with Increased Rates of Clostridium difficile Infection (CDI), National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) 2016*

Friday, April 20, 2018, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

### **Presenter: Theresa, Rowe, DO, MS**

Presentation: *Changing Approaches in Surveillance*

Thursday, April 19, 2018, 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM

Presentation: *Challenging Situations*

Thursday, April 19, 2018, 5:00 PM - 5:45 PM

Presentation: *Surviving Sepsis and Nursing Home Residents: What is Realistic?*

Friday, April 20th, 2018, 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM

### **Presenter: Sarah Kabbani, MD, MSc**

Presentation: *Antibiotic Stewardship in Skilled Nursing Facilities and Long-Term Care*

Thursday, April 19, 3:45 PM - 4:45 PM

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION(S)...

**Question:** *Are there available benchmarks for LTCFs?*

**Answer:** NHSN does not currently publish nationally representative infection benchmarks for long-term care facilities. As more facilities join the NHSN LTCF Component and consistently submit data, more comparison options will be developed for LTCFs, including risk adjusted infection rates that can be used for benchmarking. It is important to remember that NHSN depends on our users to submit complete, accurate and timely data. This includes the Annual Facility Survey, Monthly Denominators, Monthly Reporting and events.



## RECENT PUBLICATION

[Palms, Danielle L., et al. "The National Healthcare Safety Network Long-Term Care Facility Component Early Reporting Experience: January 2013-December 2015." \*American Journal of Infection Control\*, 2018, doi:10.1016/j.ajic.2018.01.003](#)



## QUESTIONS ABOUT NHSN?

Contact us at [nhsn@cdc.gov](mailto:nhsn@cdc.gov) with "LTCF" in the subject line, and we will respond to your inquiry.