

## COVID-19 Report to Members ~ July 13, 2020

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## HHS changes data reporting requirements

Late this afternoon, we received word via the American Hospital Association, that hospital reporting to NHSN's COVID-19 data modules will be retired effective Wednesday, July 15. This is late breaking news that leaves a few more questions than answers at this point. Below is the information IHA received as well as the link to the announcement from HHS. We will be coordinating with our partners at IDHW to determine the best path forward for making certain that data needed for statewide response continues to be available.

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#### HHS Makes Significant Changes to COVID-19 Daily Data Reporting Process

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) today **announced** significant changes to the process for hospitals to fulfill the agency's request for daily data reporting on bed capacity, utilization, personal protective equipment (PPE) and in-house laboratory testing data. The most significant changes are detailed below.

**Reporting Options.** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) COVID-19 module will no longer be an option for daily data reporting as of July 15. Hospitals are asked to use one of the other reporting options to fulfill the data reporting request, including:

- **Reporting data to their state health departments**, provided that their states have assumed responsibility for reporting hospital data to HHS. Such states have written authorization from their Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) regional administrator that they are assuming data reporting responsibilities. In turn, states should provide hospitals with written notification they are submitting data to HHS on their behalf.
- **Report to the HHS TeleTracking portal**, an existing option for daily reporting. The TeleTracking portal also has been used for special data reporting requests related to high-impact funds distribution, as well as remdesivir distribution. For issues with accessing the TeleTracking portal or questions about the data, contact TeleTracking Technical Support at 1-877-570-6903.

**Data Fields.** HHS has made significant updates to the data fields it is asking for in daily reporting. For example, HHS is asking for information on both pediatric and adult patients, and is asking hospitals for information about their inventory of remdesivir.

**The AHA strongly urges all hospitals to review the announcement and report the data to HHS as requested.** HHS stressed in the announcement the importance of reporting the requested data on a daily basis to inform the Administration's ongoing response to the pandemic, including the allocation of supplies, treatments and other resources. **In addition, the agency notes it will no longer ask for one-time requests for data to aid in the distribution of remdesivir or any other treatments or supplies. This means that the daily reporting is the only mechanism used for the distribution calculations.**

## Resources & Equipment

### Coordinating resources guidance

Yesterday, the CDC issued updated guidance for all healthcare facilities, specifically rural ones, as well as state and local emergency planners on coordinating medical resources.

**Key Considerations for Transferring Patients to Relief Healthcare Facilities when Responding to Community Transmission of COVID-19** is designed to help hospitals optimize patient care and balance resources while minimizing the use of crisis standards of care. The guidance also offers two spotlights on facilities managing patient surges.

## Virtual Meetings, Education & Updates

### Webinar ~ Leadership rounds

AHA will be hosting a series of Leadership Rounds - short conversations with hospital leaders across the country. The inaugural session will feature AHA's Board Chair Dr. Melinda Estes and Houston Methodist's President and CEO, Dr. Marc Boom who will discuss how the Texas health system is navigating amid the surge. The series includes a 15 minute live stream with a podcast posted later.

**AHA Leadership Rounds**  
Thursday, July 16 – 12:30p MT / 11:30a PAC  
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