

NHSN LTCF Component: Respiratory Pathogens & Vaccination Reporting Requirement Updates

Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion

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Objectives

1. Review new requirement to report RSV and influenza data on Weekly Respiratory Pathogens & Vaccination (RPV) Summary form for residents
2. Review key reporting reminders for the RPV Summary Form for residents

New LTCF Requirements and Key Reporting Reminders for Weekly RPV Summary Data: Effective January 1, 2025

CMS reporting requirements for LTCF residents beginning on January 1, 2025

- LTCFs will be **required** to report COVID-19, influenza, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) data weekly for residents, including:
 - Vaccination status
 - Confirmed resident cases (overall and by vaccination status)
 - Hospitalized residents with confirmed cases (overall and by vaccination status)
- Effective date for reporting is January 1, 2025
 - In the meantime, continue reporting COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and vaccination data weekly for residents and COVID-19 vaccination data weekly for healthcare personnel (HCP) in NHSN
 - More information about the new CMS rule, the 2025 Home Health Prospective Payment System (HHPPS), can be found [here](#)

SNF Reporting: Residents

	Type	Required vs. Optional	Reporting Cadence	Facility -Level vs. Person-Level	NHSN component	CMS Reporting Requirement
	COVID-19 Vaccination	Required	Weekly	Facility-level OR person-level	LTC	HHPPS
	COVID-19 Case & Hospitalization data	Required	Weekly	Facility-level	LTC	HHPPS
	Influenza Vaccination	Required*	Weekly	Facility-level	LTC	HHPPS
	Influenza Case & Hospitalization data	Required*	Weekly	Facility-level	LTC	HHPPS
	RSV Vaccination	Required*	Weekly	Facility-level	LTC	HHPPS
	RSV Case & Hospitalization data	Required*	Weekly	Facility-level	LTC	HHPPS

*Effective January 1, 2025

CMS reporting requirements for LTCF healthcare personnel (HCP) beginning on January 1, 2025

- LTCFs will only be required to report **HCP** COVID-19 vaccination data for one week per month, due on a **quarterly** basis (CMS Quality Reporting Program)
 - Weekly reporting no longer required (but still encouraged)
 - Report data for at least one week per month (can select any week)
 - The week-end date determines the month
 - **Example:** Reporting data for the week of January 27, 2025 through February 2, 2025, counts as submitting data for a week in February
 - Continue reporting weekly until January 2025
 - No changes will be made to the form

Reminder: Facilities should contact CMS with questions about reporting requirements and quality reporting programs:

- Long-term care facilities weekly reporting: DNH_TriageTeam@cms.hhs.gov
- Skilled nursing facilities HCP quality reporting programs: SNFQualityQuestions@cms.hhs.gov

SNF Reporting: Healthcare Personnel (HCP)



Vaccination Type	Persons	Required vs. Optional	Reporting Cadence	Reporting Deadline	Facility -Level vs. Person-Level	NHSN component	CMS Reporting Requirement
COVID-19	HCP	Required	Monthly* (1 week per month)	Due 4.5 months after the last week of a reporting quarter	Facility-level OR person level	LTC	Quality Reporting Program Measure – SNF COVID HCP Vaccination
Influenza	HCP	Required	Annual	Annual data due 6 weeks after the end of flu season (reporting period Oct 1 – March 31, due May 15)	Facility-Level	HPS	Quality Reporting Program Measure – SNF Influenza HCP Vaccination

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Weekly Respiratory Pathogens and Vaccination (RPV) Summary Form: Residents

COVID-19 Vaccine: HCP

RPV: Residents

Weekly Respiratory Pathogens and Vaccination Summary for Residents of Long-Term Care Facilities

Number of Residents

1. 🚩 Number of residents staying in this facility for at least 1 day during the week of data collection

Cumulative Vaccination Coverage

Vaccination Coverage

2. Resident Vaccination: Among residents in Question #1:

2a. 🚩 Number of residents who are [up to date](#) with COVID-19 vaccines

2b. 🚩 Number of residents who have received this season's [annual influenza vaccine](#) (2024-2025)

2c. 🚩 Number of residents who have received [RSV vaccine](#)

New Resident Cases (Positive Tests) and Hospitalizations During the Week of Data Collection

New Cases

3. Resident Cases (Positive Tests):

3a. 🚩 COVID-19: Residents with a Positive Test

3ai. ** Number of residents in Question #3a who received the [up to date](#) COVID-19 vaccine 14 days or more before the positive test

3b. 🚩 Influenza: Residents with a Positive Test

3bi. ** Number of residents in Question #3b who received this season's [annual influenza vaccine](#) (2024-2025) 14 days or more before the positive test

3c. 🚩 RSV: Residents with a Positive Test

3ci. ** Number of residents in Question #3c who received [RSV vaccine](#) 14 days or more before the positive test

4. Residents Hospitalized with a Positive Test:

4a. 🚩 COVID-19: Residents hospitalized this week, and had a positive test in the last 10 days

4ai. ** Number of residents in Question #4a who received the [up to date](#) COVID-19 vaccine 14 days or more before the positive test

4b. 🚩 Influenza: Residents hospitalized this week, and had a positive test in the last 10 days

4bi. ** Number of residents in Question #4b who received this season's [annual influenza vaccine](#) (2024-2025) 14 days or more before the positive test

4c. 🚩 RSV: Residents hospitalized this week, and had a positive test in the last 10 days

4ci. ** Number of residents in Question #4c who received [RSV vaccine](#) 14 days or more before the positive test

New Hospitalizations

Reminder: How to access the resident RPV summary form

The RPV form can be accessed in two ways:

1. Respiratory Pathogens and Vaccination tab
 - RPV – Residents
2. RPV Summary tab

The screenshot displays the NHSN - National Healthcare Safety Network interface. On the left is a vertical navigation menu with the following items: NHSN Home, Alerts, Dashboard, Reporting Plan, Resident, Staff, Event, Summary Data, Respiratory Pathogens and Vaccination, RPV Summary, Import/Export, Surveys, Analysis, Users, and Facility. A red circle with the number '1' is placed over the 'Event' menu item. A red rectangle highlights the 'Respiratory Pathogens and Vaccination' menu item. A purple circle with the number '2' is placed over the 'RPV Summary' menu item. To the right of the navigation menu is a header area with the NHSN logo and the text 'NHSN Long Term Care Facility'. Below the navigation menu, a dropdown menu is open for 'Respiratory Pathogens and Vaccination', showing the following options: RPV - Residents, COVID-19 Vaccination - HCP, POC Test Result Reporting, Pathway Data Reporting (Archive), COVID-19 Event, Person-Level COVID-19 Vaccination Form - HCP, and Person-Level COVID-19 Vaccination Form - Residents. A red rectangle highlights the 'RPV - Residents' option in the dropdown.

Reminder: What about the Surveillance Pathways?

- Beginning 9/30/24, resident case and hospitalization data are reported in the Weekly Respiratory Pathogens and Vaccinations (RPV) Module:
 - The pathways were disabled for dates **AFTER** 9/29/24
 - Users can still add and edit data for dates **PRIOR** to 9/30/24
 - Beginning 1/6/25, the pathways will be view only for all dates
 - *REMOVED - Staff Pathway (positive tests among staff)

 COVID-19/Respiratory Pathogens (Archive)

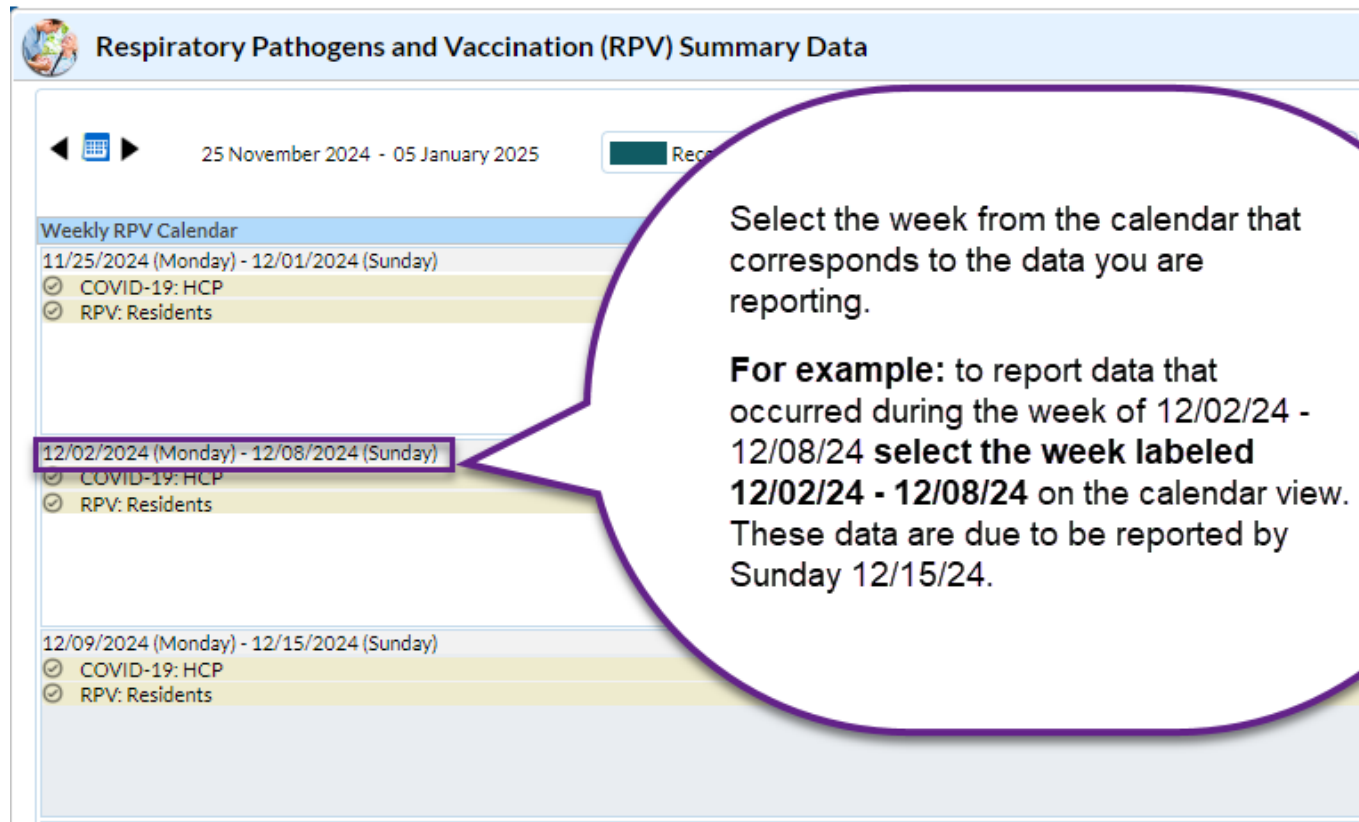
 Click a cell to begin entering data on the day for which counts are reported.

 Record Complete  Record Incomplete

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	Oct 01	02	03	04	05
06	07	08	09	10	11	12

Reminder: Report data corresponding to the selected week



The screenshot shows the 'Respiratory Pathogens and Vaccination (RPV) Summary Data' interface. At the top, there is a header bar with a user icon and the title. Below the header, a date range '25 November 2024 - 05 January 2025' is displayed next to a calendar icon. A 'Records' button is visible on the right. The main section is titled 'Weekly RPV Calendar' and lists three weekly periods, each with two rows of data: 'COVID-19: HCP' and 'RPV: Residents'. The second week, '12/02/2024 (Monday) - 12/08/2024 (Sunday)', is highlighted with a purple border. A large purple speech bubble points to this highlighted week, containing the following text:

Select the week from the calendar that corresponds to the data you are reporting.

For example: to report data that occurred during the week of 12/02/24 - 12/08/24 **select the week labeled 12/02/24 - 12/08/24** on the calendar view. These data are due to be reported by Sunday 12/15/24.

Weekly RPV Calendar
11/25/2024 (Monday) - 12/01/2024 (Sunday)
✓ COVID-19: HCP
✓ RPV: Residents
12/02/2024 (Monday) - 12/08/2024 (Sunday)
✓ COVID-19: HCP
✓ RPV: Residents
12/09/2024 (Monday) - 12/15/2024 (Sunday)
✓ COVID-19: HCP
✓ RPV: Residents

Reminder: Deadline for weekly reporting

December						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	January 1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11

Due Date

Data that correspond to the highlighted week are due by Sunday 12/15/24 (the following Sunday)

*Please note that the deadlines may be subject to change as CMS finalizes the guidance.

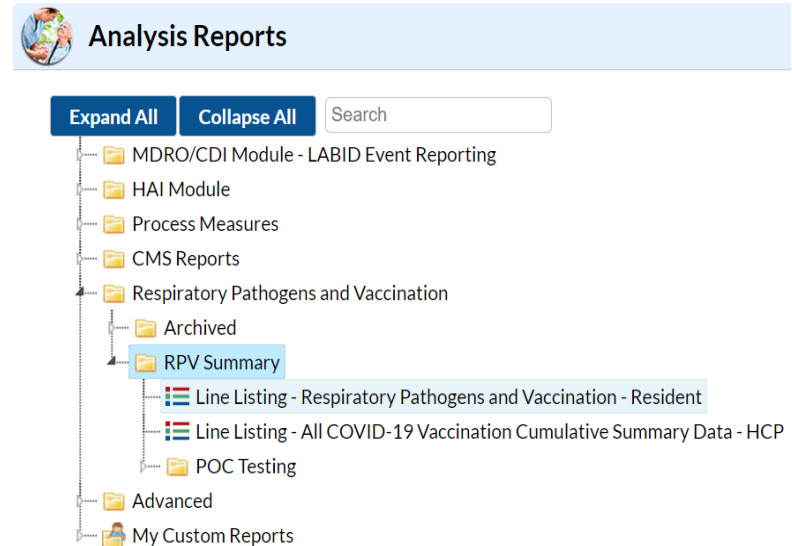
Line List Reports to View RPV Summary Data and Dates

New completed date variable – Resident RPV

- Beginning January 2025, the completed date variable indicates the date and time that **complete** RPV Summary data submission occurred.
 - Surveillance weeks that only have questions 1-2a submitted using the Person-Level COVID-19 Vaccination Form for Residents are considered **partially complete**.
 - A date and time will populate for the completed date variable when data have been submitted for **all** required fields (questions 1-4ci).
- This differs from the create date, which is the time stamp of when **any** data are first entered and saved.

How to view Completed Date: A&R line list report

- Under Analysis > reports
 - Choose “Line Listing- Respiratory Pathogens and Vaccination- Resident”

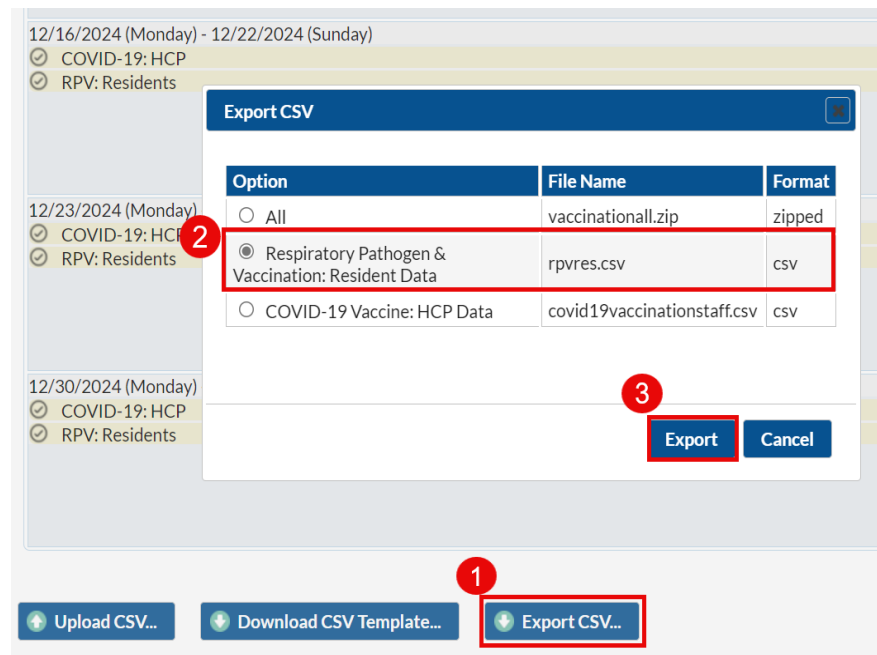


Facility Name	CMS Certification Number	Facility Org ID	Week of data collection, start date	Week of data collection, end date	Create Date	Last Modified	Date all required fields first completed	Respiratory Pathogen Season
PIKE NURSING HOME	FUTURE2	11106	11/25/2024	12/01/2024	04DEC2024:19:44:00	04DEC24:19:44	04DEC2024:19:44:00.000	2024-2025

How to view Completed Date: Export CSV

- To export weekly summary data, including completed date, click on the RPV Summary tab.

1. Scroll to the bottom and click “Export CSV”
2. Choose the option to export resident data
3. Click “Export”



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V
1	vacctype	survweeks	survweek	rpvSeason	numres	totResUp	numResFl	numResRs	numResC1	numResC1	numResFl	numResFl	numResRs	numResRs	numResC1	numResC1	numResFl	numResFl	numResRs	numResRs	completeddate	
2	COVID19	#####	#####	2024-2025	1000	900	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11/29/2024 6:35PM	

Note: completed date will only display for completed weeks beginning January 2025 16

Up to Date COVID-19 Vaccination

Definition: Quarter 1 of 2025

Up to Date with COVID-19 Vaccines: New Definition for Quarter 1 of 2025 (Beginning December 30, 2024)

- **Individuals aged 65 years and older and those who are moderately or severely immunocompromised are Up to Date when they have:**
 - Received 2 doses of the 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccine **or**
 - Received 1 dose of the 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccine within the past 6 months
- **Individuals younger than 65 years of age are Up to Date when they have:**
 - Received 1 dose of the 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccine

Note: Users should review the [COVID-19 Vaccination Modules: Understanding Key Terms and Up to Date Vaccination](#) document at least once per quarter to check for definition updates.

NHSN Access: How to Add a User and SAMS Authentication

How to Add a User in NHSN

1. FA or User with Admin Rights navigate to NHSN
2. Select Users > ADD and complete the required fields (marked with an*)
3. Select SAVE at the bottom of the page.
4. Complete the prompt to assign user rights (ensure they are listed as an active user)

*****If the user does not have an active SAMS account the user must go through an authentication process***

The new user will receive a “Welcome to NHSN” email confirmation to agree to the Rules of Behavior.

SAMS Authentication Options: New SAMS Users

- **Option 1 (recommended) – Experian:** This is the fastest and most secure method to complete the SAMS identity proofing process.
- **Option 2 – Document Review:** The completed form, along with appropriate identification, will need to be reviewed by a notary or other trusted third party and copies submitted to SAMS via secure upload or by mail. This process can take several weeks to complete depending on volume and how the documentation is sent to SAMS.

Long-term Care Facility Component: Webinar Replay

Webinar Replay

- **January 7, 2025, at 1 PM Eastern Time**
 - Content is the same as the webinar on December 11, 2024
- Registration information is under the “Replay Sessions” section on webpage: [**LTCF | Respiratory Pathogens and Vaccination | NHSN | CDC**](#)
 - Direct registration link:
https://cdc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_Sd8zLQXEQCWI9vKCrfJcpw#/registration

Questions or need help?

Please use **NHSN-ServiceNow** to submit questions to the NHSN Help Desk. The new portal can be accessed [here](#) and should be used in place of nhsn@cdc.gov, nhsntrain@cdc.gov, and nhsndua@cdc.gov.

If you do not have a SAMS login, or are unable to access ServiceNow, you can still e-mail the NHSN Help Desk at nhsn@cdc.gov.

For more information, contact CDC
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