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New CMS Nursing Home Reporting Requirements

The Agency for Health Care Administration is alerting Florida nursing home providers of new Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) reporting requirements related to COVID-19.

CMS is now requiring nursing homes to submit the data through the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) at least once every seven days. Facilities may choose to submit multiple times a week. CMS is not prescribing which day of the week the data must be submitted, although reporting should remain consistent with data being submitted on the same day(s) each week. The collection period should also remain consistent (e.g., Monday through Sunday). Additional information about these reporting requirements can be found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/covid19/lctf/cms-covid19-req-508.pdf>.

The deadline to submit your first set of data is Thursday, May 28, 2020. Failure to report may lead to federal sanctions.

The ability to report requires facilities to be actively enrolled in the NHSN. Nursing homes that are currently enrolled in NHSN's LTCF Component have immediate access to the new module and may begin reporting. If your facility previously enrolled, but is no longer able to gain access, contact NHSN user support at nhsn@cdc.gov for assistance. Please do not re-enroll a previously enrolled facility.

Nursing Homes that are not enrolled in NHSN may gain access to the COVID-19 Module by completing the enrollment process outlined in the Enrollment section of this [page](#). Additional guidance can also be found [here](#). Upon completion, the facility will gain same-day access to NHSN.

To see the full CMS memo released on May 6, 2020, please click here:
<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-29-nh.pdf>

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