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## **AHCA's ESS: Federal Reporting Updates**

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The Federal Emergency Management Agency and the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services have [approved the State's request](#) to use the Florida Emergency Status System (ESS) to fulfill the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [COVID-19 hospital reporting requirements](#). The Agency for Health Care Administration will submit the required COVID-19 hospital data directly to the CDC National Healthcare Safety Network on behalf of Florida-licensed hospitals utilizing data from our ESS.

### **ESS Update**

The event tab labeled "Add'l Info" has been updated. The ESS will now require entry of fields related to CLIA-certified laboratories in hospitals capable of conducting COVID-19 testing.

As of April 17, there are additional questions for hospital providers in reference to CLIA-certified laboratories in hospitals capable of conducting COVID-19 testing. Please answer all that apply to your facility and be sure to answer the remaining questions daily by 10 AM ET and 7PM ET. The [Hospital Additional Info Entry – Beds and Info Guide](#) has been created to provide additional guidance for reporting correctly.

### **All hospitals**

- Please continue to report Current Bed Census and Available Beds for all licensed and acute care beds in your facility daily in addition to the Add'l Info tab by 10 AM ET and 7 PM ET until further notice.
  - The [Hospital ESS Bed Entry Guide](#) has been created to provide additional guidance for reporting correctly.

- Please report Emergency Department Status as needed for status changes.
  - This includes all off-site emergency departments/standalone emergency departments.
- All needs requests should be submitted to your local Emergency Operations Center.
  - <https://www.floridadisaster.org/counties/>
- For reporting purposes, update the “Resource Needs” event tab in ESS as well.
  - Include the mission number(s) assigned by your local Emergency Operations Center.

If needed, click the following link to access additional instructions for entering facility data for events (see pages 1-4 of the document “How to Locate and Enter Event Information” under the Details column)

[http://ahca.myflorida.com/MCHQ/Emergency\\_Activities/index.shtml](http://ahca.myflorida.com/MCHQ/Emergency_Activities/index.shtml).

If you require additional assistance with ESS, please contact your AHCA licensing unit, Hospital & Outpatient Services Unit, at 850-412-4549.

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