

**Healthcare-Associated Infection Prevention
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NHSN Information

Health Care Personnel Influenza Vaccination Reminder

Ambulatory surgery centers (ASC) that participate in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Service (CMS) Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting (ASCQR) program must report health care personnel (HCP) influenza vaccination summary data via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) for the 2014-2015 influenza season (October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015).

For more information on collecting and entering this data into NHSN, please visit the CDC's [Surveillance for Healthcare Personnel Vaccination website](#). The deadline for the first ASC report to the NHSN for CMS payment requirements has been extended to August 15, 2015, from the original date of May 15, 2015. Facilities not yet enrolled in NHSN should follow the steps outlined on the [NHSN website to enroll](#).

Reporting of HCP Data

Monthly reporting plans must be entered before reporting HCP influenza vaccination data. To enter a monthly reporting plan for the entire year (July 1 to June 31), log in to NHSN, select monthly reporting plan from the left hand navigation bar. Next, select add, enter, then January 2015 in the drop down menus. Place a check mark in the box "Healthcare Personnel Vaccination Module–Influenza Vaccination Summary." This will auto-populate the monthly reporting plan for all 12 months.

CMS Certification Number (CCN) Reminder

Ambulatory surgical centers that do not participate in the ASCQR program should not be enrolled separately in NHSN. An ASC that is an outpatient unit of the acute care hospital and shares a CCN that is 100 percent identical to that of the acute care hospital (meaning, the identical CCN does not differ by even one letter or number), is not required to report health care personnel influenza vaccination data separately. The data on influenza vaccination of health care personnel working at an ASC with the same CCN as the acute care hospital should be included in the inpatient/outpatient summary report for the acute care hospital.

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Resources and Information

Department of Health Social Media

The Pennsylvania Department of Health is now on social media. These sites will be used to provide healthy living information, news stories, emergency preparedness tips, upcoming events and clinics, videos, and photos distributed by the department.

[Pennsylvania Department of Health](#) on Facebook

[@PADOH](#) on Twitter

New Patient Safety Authority (PSA) Articles

[Decision Making Map to Improve Hand Hygiene Behavior](#)

[Antibiotic Stewardship in Hospitals and Long Term Care Facilities : Building an Effective Program](#)

APIC Topic-Specific Web Pages

APIC has organized key infection prevention topics and created [topic-specific Web pages](#) to help infection preventionists and consumers quickly access these important resources. Topics include: hand hygiene, disinfection and sterilization, CAUTI, CLABSI, C-difficile infection, CRE, Ebola, MRSA, pneumonia, environmental services, antimicrobial stewardship, vaccine preventable diseases, and long-term care.

NHSN Contact Information

For NHSN help, please send an email to: nhsn@cdc.gov.

Include the facility five-digit NHSN assigned ID number with your question in the email subject.

CDC's NHSN website: www.cdc.gov/nhsn