12-30-2024 Weekly Clinical Update

All of the changes regarding CMS Regulatory Guidance are overwhelming. Cynthia Pendleton, RN/BSN/LNHA has provided a wonderful tool for your Infection Preventionist to use related to the new changes. These changes take place January 1, 2025, so no time to waste.

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

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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And finally, during these times of constant change, fluctuations, and new rules for long term care, we wish you a wonderful 2025.