

Thank you for your dedication and ongoing participation as we work together to generate accurate Resident and Staff COVID-19 vaccination data for each skilled nursing facility.

The purpose of this communication is to further define terminology used in the CRISP Unified Landing Page App and clarify the reporting process for weekly Wednesday Resident and Staff vaccination submissions. We will also be outlining some upcoming changes to reporting.

DEADLINE: ON EVERY WEDNESDAY by 11am EST

- **Each Wednesday, it is required that a designated staff member at your facility enters complete Resident and Staff vaccination data into CRISP by the deadline of 11am EST.** The data you enter each Wednesday is used to update this site each Friday: <https://aging.maryland.gov/Pages/SNFVD.aspx>
- After the deadline of 11am EST Wednesday has passed, the next opportunity to submit updated vaccination data will be the following Wednesday. If your facility does not meet this deadline for staff census, resident census, and vaccination data, the dashboard will show DNS for your facility.

FACILITY NAME CHANGE If the name of your facility appears incorrectly on the public site, please submit all official name changes requests to CRS-Team@crisphealth.org

STAFF CENSUS

Please note that CMS has released new guidance for reporting facility vaccination metrics. MDH has reviewed the guidance and has aligned our definition of STAFF with the definition used by CMS. Please note the CMS 'Staff' definition includes persons/groups that our prior definition did not.

Correct Resident and Staff census data is necessary to accurately calculate the percentage of persons at your facility who are partially or fully vaccinated.

CMS definition of STAFF:

“STAFF” means those individuals who work in the facility on a regular (that is, at least once a week) basis, including individuals who may not be physically in the LTC facility for a period of time due to illness, disability, or scheduled time off, but who are expected to return to work. This also includes individuals under contract or arrangement, including hospice and dialysis staff, physical therapists, occupational therapists, mental health professionals, or volunteers, who are in the facility on a regular basis, as the vaccine is available.

Please **INCLUDE** Staff members in the following categories, in-line with the above definition. If a Staff member worked multiple shifts/days, count them only once when you report each week.

- **Nursing staff:** registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, vocational nurse
- **Clinical staff:** physician, physician assistant, advanced practice nurse
- **Aide:** certified nursing assistant, nurse aide, medication aide, and medication technician
- **Other staff or facility personnel:** regardless of clinical responsibility or resident contact, not included in the categories above (maintenance, environmental services, etc.)
- **Independent contractors/Volunteers:** Workers that are actually employed by other staffing agencies or volunteers who are not direct employees of your facility, but who are in the facility on a regular basis (at least one a week). This includes hospice and dialysis staff, physical therapists, occupational therapists, mental health professionals, etc.

VACCINATION

NHSN has released new mandatory updates to questions regarding Resident and Staff vaccination status. These questions will appear in your weekly survey.

Please only include current Resident and Staff members in your vaccination totals. If a Resident was vaccinated but has been discharged, do not include that Resident in your vaccination entries. If a Staff member was vaccinated but no longer works at your facility, do not include that Staff member in your vaccination entries.

Each Resident or Staff member will only be entered in ONE of the following categories:

1. Only dose 1 of Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine **OR**
2. Only dose 1 of Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine **OR**
3. Dose 1 and dose 2 of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine **OR**
4. Dose 1 and dose 2 of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine **OR**
5. Dose of Janssen COVID-19 vaccine **OR**
6. Complete COVID-19 vaccination series: unspecified manufacturer **OR**
7. Unvaccinated due to medical contraindication or exclusion to COVID-19 vaccine **OR**
8. Offered but declined COVID-19 vaccine **OR**
9. Unvaccinated who want to be vaccinated **OR**
10. Unknown COVID-19 vaccination status