

**2020 Antibiotic Start Tracking for Long-term Care Facilities in Massachusetts:
MDPH helping you to meet a core element of your facility
Antibiotic Stewardship Program**

Frequently Asked Questions about Entering your Antibiotic Start Data

- What is the 2020 Survey Monkey URL to enter my data?
<http://bit.ly/antibiotic-starts-2020>
- Do I use the same link every month? **YES**
- Should I report any 2019 data retrospectively? **NO. The time frame for entering 2019 data has closed. Please only enter 2020 data.**
- Should I report antivirals such as Tamiflu? **NO**
- How do I calculate resident days? **There are three different ways to calculate resident-days:**
 1. Add your daily census for each day of the month. OR
 2. Multiply your average daily census for the month by the number of days in the month. OR
 3. If you do not have daily census information, you can use your percent occupancy on the last day of the month in following formula to approximate resident-days.
Resident-days= your percent occupancy X total facility bed size X number of days in the month.
For example: A facility with 80% occupancy on the last day of January with a total facility bed size of 100 would have resident-days = $0.80 \times 100 \times 31$ days in January = 2480.
- What if I need to enter an antibiotic not on the list? **You can enter this in the "other" box.**
- If a new patient is admitted to my facility ON an antibiotic during the month I am reporting for, should I count this as an antibiotic start for the month? **YES. The reason for this is that admitting a patient on an antibiotic represents an opportunity to re-evaluate the need for it.**
- Should I report antibiotic creams and eye drops/ointments? **NO**
- What if I have NO antibiotic starts for the month I am reporting? **You should still complete a survey, so that we know you had no starts and didn't forget to report.** You simply will not enter numbers after any of the antibiotics listed. It is still important for you to provide us with your resident-days for this month.