NHSN Application Time Stamps Updated to UTC

As of February 26, 2024, time stamps for data submission and modification in the NHSN application were updated to display Coordinated Universal Time (UTC).

What is UTC?

UTC is the international time standard. It has been implemented as part of ongoing NHSN system upgrades and modernization efforts.

All NHSN timestamps are displayed in the UTC Time Standard. UTC time is a time standard that is **not** adjusted for daylight saving and therefore **does not** change throughout the year. UTC serves as a uniform and universal reference to measure time across all time zones.

To convert UTC to Eastern Time:

- From the second Sunday in March to the first Sunday in November, subtract 4 hours from UTC to get Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).
- From the first Sunday in November to the second Sunday in March, subtract 5 hours from UTC to get Eastern Standard Time (EST).

UTC 3:59	UTC 4:59
Eastern Daylight Time	Eastern Standard Time
11:59pm	11:59pm

Or input the UTC calendar date and time into an online UTC time converter.

What does this mean for my facility?

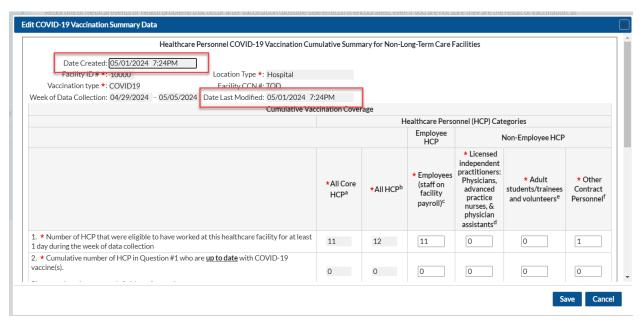
The new UTC timestamp will have **no impact** on data submission deadlines. Local time remains in place for data submission deadlines.

No action is needed from NHSN users.

Example of where NHSN users may see UTC timestamps in the application:

<u>Note:</u> In August 2024, text indicating that timestamps are displayed in UTC will be added in the NHSN application.

COVID-19 Vaccination Module form in the Healthcare Personnel Safety Component:



All facility information taken from an NHSN test facility for demonstration purposes.