

## Description

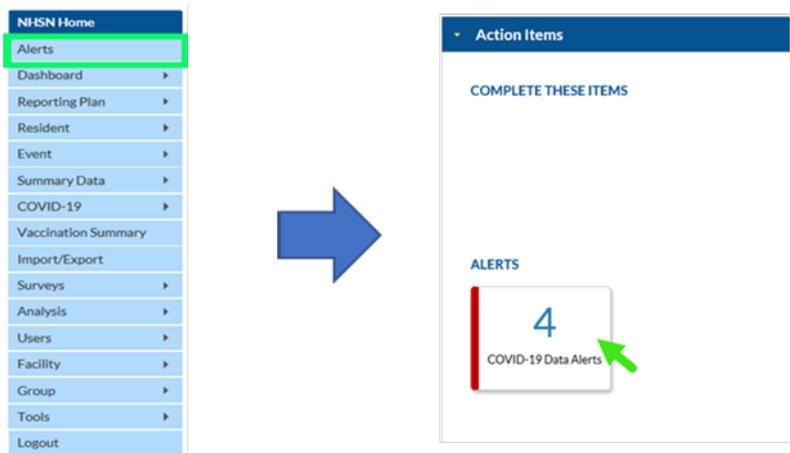
The NHSN Long-term Care Facility (LTCF) Component supports the nation’s COVID-19 response through the LTCF COVID-19 Module. Reported data are immediately available for use in strengthening local and national surveillance, monitoring trends in infection rates, and assisting in identifying resource insecurities.

NHSN regularly reviews data reported to the LTCF COVID-19 Module to understand trends and to identify potential reporting errors. Data that were potentially entered in error are flagged by the NHSN application and an alert is automatically displayed on the application landing page. This guide provides instructions to help users locate data alerts and correct or confirm flagged data.

\*Please Note: Alerts will persist on the landing page until a user addresses them by confirming or correcting the flagged data using the alerts feature. If the data are corrected by updating data on the calendar page, the alerts will persist on the landing page until the NHSN application updates which occurs on Mondays.

## Correcting or Confirming Data that are Flagged for Potential Errors

- Once you log into NHSN, the alerts page will appear with the number of COVID-19 data alerts. Click on the box. Otherwise, the alerts page can be accessed by clicking on “Alerts” on the left-side menu bar.



- This will open the alerts page, which shows the collection dates where data are flagged. Click on the row for the alert you would like to open. The Resident Impact and Facility Capacity (RIFC) Pathway is selected as an example in this guide.

Alert List

Collection Date	COVID-19 Data Form Type	Variable	QA Flag Description	Confirmed
03/18/2021	RIFC	Resident - COVID-19 DEATHS	Illogical relation between Resident COVID-19 deaths and case	N
03/03/2021	RIFC	Resident - CONFIRMED	Records with pure duplicates (>0) or cumulative data entry pattern (longitudinal assessment)	N
03/03/2021	RIFC	Resident - CONFIRMED	Multiple repeats of the same value for consecutive days	N
03/02/2021	RIFC	Resident - CONFIRMED	Records with pure duplicates (>0) or cumulative data entry pattern (longitudinal assessment)	N

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# Long-Term Care Facility (LTCF) COVID-19 Module: Data Alerts

## Correcting Flagged Data

Selecting the alert demonstrated in the image on page one will open the RIFC pathway form for the calendar date with the potential error(s). The flagged data, which in this example is the number of COVID-19 Deaths, will be highlighted as shown below.

**Edit COVID-19 Data**

Date for which counts are reported: 03/18/2021      Facility CCN:      Facility Type: LTC-SKILLNURS

**Resident Impact and Facility Capacity**

Date Created: 03/18/2021 10:54AM

Counts should be reported on the correct calendar day and include only the new counts for the calendar day (specifically, since counts were last collected). If the count is zero, a "0" must entered as the response. A blank response is equivalent to missing data. **NON-count** questions should be answered one calendar day during the reporting week.

Scroll down the page to view the flagged data



QA Alert

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TOTAL DEATHS: Number of residents who have died for any reason in the facility or another location:

\*\*COVID-19 DEATHS: Based on the number of reported Total Deaths, indicate the number of residents with COVID-19 who died in the facility or another location.

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Review and correct the data entry by entering the appropriate value for the indicated calendar date. The date is March 18, 2021 in this example. Once the necessary changes are made, **click on save at the bottom of the page**. The data alert will then be removed from the NHSN landing page and the alert list.



**Alert**

QA Alerts successfully deleted.

OK

# Long-Term Care Facility (LTCF) COVID-19 Module: Data Alerts

## Confirming Flagged Data

Users can indicate that data flagged on the alert list are correct. To remove the alert, the relevant data entry must be confirmed. Selecting the alert demonstrated in the image below will open the RIFC pathway form for the calendar date with the potential error(s).

Collection Date	COVID-19 Data Form Type	Variable	QA Flag Description	Confirmed
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On the form page click on “Manage alert(s)” at the bottom of the page.

**Edit COVID-19 Data**

Date for which counts are reported: 03/02/2021      Facility CCN:      Facility Type: LTC-SKILLNURS

**Resident Impact and Facility Capacity**

Date Created: 03/18/2021 10:48AM

*Counts should be reported on the correct calendar day and include only the new counts for the calendar day (specifically, since counts were last collected). If the count is zero, a "0" must entered as the response. A blank response is equivalent to missing data. NON-count questions should be answered one calendar day during the reporting week.*

**Facility Capacity**

150	ALL BEDS (enter on first survey only, unless the total bed count has changed)
130	*CURRENT CENSUS: Total number of beds that are occupied on the reporting calendar day

**Resident Impact for COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2)**

20	ADMISSIONS: Number of residents admitted or readmitted from another facility who were previously diagnosed with COVID-19 and continue to require transmission-based precautions. <i>Excludes recovered residents.</i>				
10 <span style="background-color: #ff00ff; border: 1px solid #ff00ff; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">QA Alert</span>	POSITIVE TESTS (previously called "Confirmed"): Number of residents newly positive for COVID-19 based on a viral test result.				
<p><b>**TEST TYPE:</b> Based on the number of reported Positive Tests, indicate how many were tested using each of the following:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%; text-align: center;">1</td> <td>**Positive SARS-CoV-2 antigen test only [no other testing performed]</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td>**Positive SARS-CoV-2 NAAT (PCR) [no other testing performed]</td> </tr> </table>		1	**Positive SARS-CoV-2 antigen test only [no other testing performed]	0	**Positive SARS-CoV-2 NAAT (PCR) [no other testing performed]
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**Manage Alert(s)**

Previous Day

Next Day

Save
Cancel

This will open the “Manage Alerts” page. Click on the “Yes” box to confirm that the data are correct. **Then click on the save button.**

# Long-Term Care Facility (LTCF) COVID-19 Module: Data Alerts

**Manage Alerts**

Manage Alert(s)

Collection Date	COVID-19 Data Form Type	Variable	QA Flag Description	Value(s) for this Alert are Confirmed
03/02/2021	RIFC	Resident - CONFIRMED	Records with pure duplicates (>0) or cumulative data entry pattern (longitudinal assessm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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Save
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Check "YES" to confirm the data are correct



A message verifying that the data were confirmed will appear.



**Alert**

QA Alerts successfully updated.

OK