

NHSN Long-term Care Facility (LTCF) COVID-19 Vaccination Module: Groups and Supergroups - Viewing and Uploading Person-Level COVID-19 Vaccination Reporting Pathway .CSV Data Files

Description

As part of CDC's ongoing COVID-19 response, long-term care facilities (LTCFs) enrolled in the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) can report data using the LTCF Respiratory Pathogens and Vaccination Module. Data can be reported to the Weekly Summary HCP & Resident COVID-19 Vaccination modules or by using the optional, person-level COVID-19 vaccination reporting forms. Group and supergroup users can import person-level resident and healthcare personnel (HCP) COVID-19 vaccination data on behalf of their member facilities who report to these this modules. This guidance document provides important information and instructions for how groups and supergroups can import person-level .CSV files and view person-level data in the NHSN LTCF Respiratory Pathogens and Vaccination Module.

Note: Information on how to upload weekly summary COVID-19/Respiratory Pathogens and Vaccination data can be found here: [Viewing and Uploading COVID-19 LTCF Vaccination Reporting Pathway CSV Data Files \(cdc.gov\)](#)



Facilities can be members of several groups in NHSN. Therefore, facilities should decide which group can import person-level COVID-19 Vaccination .CSV files. If data have been uploaded into NHSN for a facility by one group or supergroup via the .CSV bulk upload, these data can be overwritten by a second group uploading data for the facility at a later time or date. Therefore, NHSN recommends that facilities only grant access to **only one** group/supergroup to upload person-level COVID-19 vaccination data on their behalf. Groups or Supergroups can include health departments. It is also important to note that if a facility has entered its own weekly summary COVID-19 data, it will not be overwritten by group/supergroup CSV upload; however, person-level COVID-19 vaccination data can be edited by a group CSV upload after the facility has entered data. This is because person-level data contribute to multiple summary weeks, and it is important that all persons contributing to a summary week are correctly classified.

Facilities choosing to upload their data by working directly with a vendor need to work with the vendor, provide their NHSN OrgID, and establish the process. Vendors (e.g., EHR providers, EOC providers, etc.) intending to provide COVID-19 .CSV uploads on behalf of NHSN facilities should submit a ticket through the [NHSN-ServiceNow](#) portal with the title “Vendor Support for NHSN COVID-19 Vaccination Long-term Care Facility (LTCF) Reporting” in the short description. NHSN will follow up to confirm procedural details.

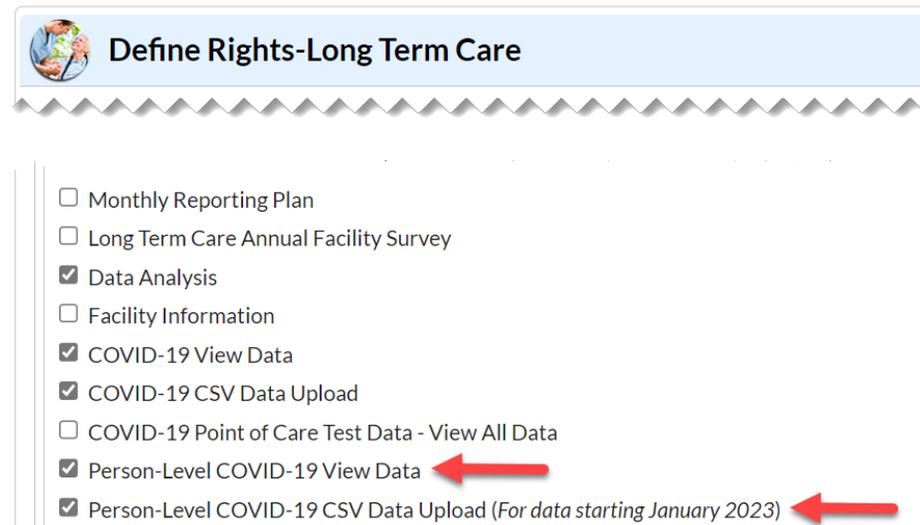


Instructions for Groups and Supergroups: Defining and Conferring Rights

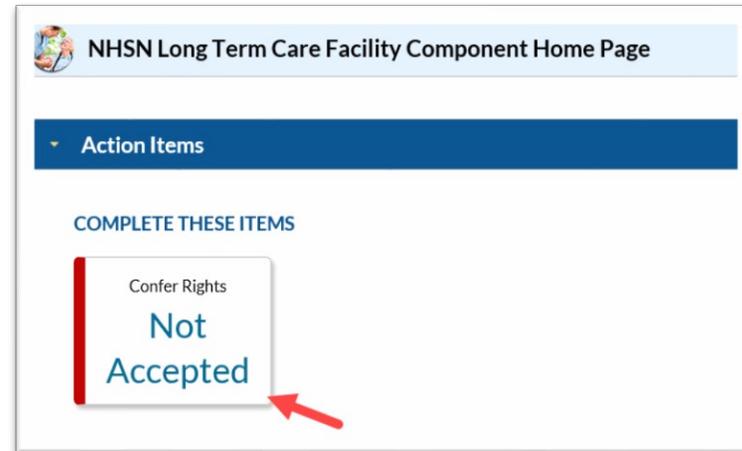
1. **Group** – After logging into an NHSN component, select “Group” from the menu bar and then select Define Rights.



2. **Group** – After selecting Define Rights, the Define Rights options for the component will be displayed. Under General, there are new rights for COVID-19 vaccination data. The new rights allow viewing of COVID-19 Vaccination Module person-level data for facilities that are a part of the group. Check “Person-Level COVID-19 View Data” and “Person-Level COVID-19 CSV Data Upload.” By selecting “Person-Level COVID-19 CSV Data Upload” the group will have the ability to import .CSV data files for facilities who accept the define rights. If “COVID-19 View Data” and “COVID-19 CSV Data Upload” were not previously selected for summary level rights, they will be selected if you confer person-level rights. Select Save at the bottom of the page to define the additional rights.



- 3. **Group** – The **Facility** group member will need to confer rights (accept the newly defined right(s)) by clicking on Confer Rights Not Accepted under Action Items.



- 4. **Group** – The **Facility** will see a Confer Rights Not Accepted List. From the list, select the group for which the facility would like to view the new Defined Rights.

The screenshot shows a table titled 'Confer Rights Not Accepted List'. A warning message states: 'Define rights have been changed affecting the Group below. You may accept new rights or leave the group. Click the Group Name to view and accept new rights.' The table has the following data:

Name	Group ID	Status	Status Date
LTCF Test Group	11260	Not Accepted	Apr 24 2020 4:43PM

A red arrow points to the 'LTCF Test Group' entry in the 'Name' column.

5. **Group** –The group will have added defined COVID-19 Rights if the boxes next to “Person-Level COVID-19 View Data” and “Person-Level COVID-19 CSV Data Upload” are checked. The **Facility** may select “Accept” to save the newly conferred rights. The Facility must accept the newly defined rights for its data to be viewable to the group. By conferring person-level rights this also confers summary level (COVID-19 view data and COVID-19 CSV data upload) rights if those weren’t previously selected



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! Please review the data rights that "LTC Group" is requesting from your facility:
- Verify locations
- Press "accept" button to confer rights

- Monthly Reporting Plan
- Long Term Care Annual Facility Survey
- Data Analysis
- Facility Information
- COVID-19 View Data
- COVID-19 CSV Data Upload
- COVID-19 Point of Care Test Data - View All Data
- Person-Level COVID-19 View Data ←
- Person-Level COVID-19 CSV Data Upload (For data starting January 2023) ←

Instructions to Upload and Export .CSV Files for both Group and Supergroup Users

1. **Group/Super Group** – Select “Respiratory Pathogens and Vaccination” from the menu bar to view specific pathway data. Next, select the appropriate pathway either “Person-Level COVID-19 Vaccination Form- HCP” or “Person-Level COVID-19 Vaccination Form – Residents”.

The screenshot displays the NHSN Long Term Care interface. On the left is a vertical menu with the following items: NHSN Home, Reporting Plan, Resident, Staff, Event, Summary Data, Respiratory Pathogens and Vaccination (highlighted with a red box and a yellow circle containing the number 1), RPV Summary, Surveys, Analysis, Users, and Group. To the right of the menu is a main content area with a header 'NHSN Long Term Care' and a globe icon. Below the header is a confidentiality notice: 'Assurance of Confidentiality: The voluntarily provided information that it will be held in strict confidence, will be used in accordance with Sections 304, 306 and 308(d) of the HIPAA Privacy Rule. For more information, click here.' Below the notice is an Adobe Reader icon and a link 'Get Adobe Acrobat Reader'. A secondary dropdown menu is open from the 'Respiratory Pathogens and Vaccination' menu item, listing: POC Test Result Reporting, Pathway Data Reporting (Archive), COVID-19 Vaccination, COVID-19 Event, Person-Level COVID-19 Vaccination Form - HCP (highlighted with a red box and a yellow circle containing the number 2), and Person-Level COVID-19 Vaccination Form - Residents (highlighted with a red box).

2. A list of reporting weeks with vaccination data submitted by group or facility will be displayed. The lock icon on a week means the data has been entered by facility and cannot be changed by a group. Please note, all data in screenshots are for illustration only.

 Person-Level COVID-19 Vaccination Upload - Residents							
OrgID	Vaccination Type	Week Starting	Week Ending	Modified Date	Number of Residents	Total Up to Date	Locked?
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	COVID19	03/27/2023	04/02/2023	04/03/23 8:31:00 PM	10	6	
	COVID19	03/20/2023	03/26/2023	03/21/23 8:21:00 PM	1	1	
	COVID19	03/13/2023	03/19/2023	03/21/23 8:21:00 PM	1	1	
	COVID19	03/06/2023	03/12/2023	03/21/23 8:21:00 PM	1	1	
	COVID19	02/27/2023	03/05/2023	03/21/23 8:21:00 PM	1	1	
	COVID19	02/20/2023	02/26/2023	03/21/23 8:21:00 PM	1	1	

 Person-Level COVID-19 Vaccination Upload - HCP							
OrgID	Vaccination Type	Week Starting	Week Ending	Modify Date	Number of HCP	Total Up to Date	Locked?
<input type="text"/> x	<input type="text"/> x	<input type="text"/> x	<input type="text"/> x	<input type="text"/> x	<input type="text"/> x	<input type="text"/> x	<input type="text"/> x
	COVID19	04/03/2023	04/09/2023	04/04/23 4:00:00 PM	11	11	
	COVID19	03/27/2023	04/02/2023	04/04/23 5:17:00 PM	13	13	
	COVID19	03/20/2023	03/26/2023	03/22/23 2:38:00 PM	8	6	
	COVID19	03/13/2023	03/19/2023	04/04/23 5:17:00 PM	13	13	
	COVID19	03/06/2023	03/12/2023	04/04/23 5:17:00 PM	13	13	
	COVID19	02/27/2023	03/05/2023	04/04/23 5:17:00 PM	13	13	
	COVID19	02/20/2023	02/26/2023	04/04/23 5:17:00 PM	13	13	
	COVID19	02/13/2023	02/19/2023	03/06/23 6:51:00 PM	225	178	
	COVID19	02/06/2023	02/12/2023	04/04/23 5:17:00 PM	13	13	
	COVID19	01/30/2023	02/05/2023	04/04/23 5:17:00 PM	13	13	

3. **Download Example Files** – The .CSV example files for COVID-19 Weekly Vaccination Person-Level Data can be found on the NHSN LTCF Weekly Healthcare Personnel (HCP) and Resident Respiratory Pathogens and Vaccination webpage:

<https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/weekly-covid-vac/index.html>. Please note, these files only include variables applicable for NHSN version 10.1 and forward.

4. **Enter Data** – Using the provided .CSV example files for LTCF resident and LTCF healthcare personnel data, populate each variable with the appropriate data. Multiple facilities (those that are a part of the group and have conferred rights) may be included. A valid facility identifier is required. After entering all data, save each file to upload the .CSV file in NHSN. For complete information on the variables included on the .CSV files, refer to the LTC variable description and file layout document found here: [Variable Description and File Layout LTC Sept 2024 508 \(cdc.gov\)](#).

5. **Upload .CSV** – To upload the completed .CSV Data file, select the “Respiratory Pathogens and Vaccination” tab from the menu bar. Next, select the appropriate “Person-Level COVID-19 Vaccination - Resident” or “Person-Level COVID-19 Vaccination – HCP”.



A list of residents or healthcare personnel by facility and week will be displayed. Click on the “Upload CSV” button. A prompt will appear where a file must be provided for submission. Browse for the file location and then click “Upload CSV” to begin the import.

NHSN Home

- Reporting Plan
- Resident
- Staff
- Event
- Summary Data
- Respiratory Pathogens and Vaccination**
 - POC Test Result Reporting
 - Pathway Data Reporting (Archive)
 - COVID-19 Vaccination
 - COVID-19 Event
 - Person-Level COVID-19 Vaccination Form - HCP**
 - Person-Level COVID-19 Vaccination Form - Residents**
- RPV Summary
- Surveys
- Analysis
- Users
- Group

OrgID	Vaccination Type	Week Starting	Week Ending	Modify Date	Number of H
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Upload CSV file

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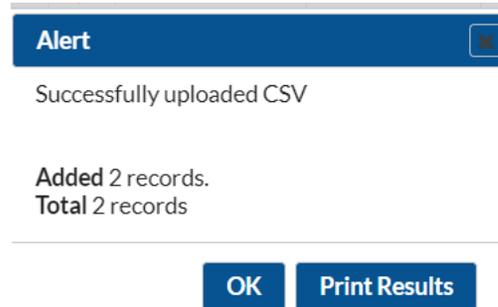
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Upload CSV Cancel

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Upload CSV... Export CSV...

6. **View Data** – A message that indicates the upload was successful will be generated. The Vaccination Module will automatically populate the uploaded data.



If errors are found during upload, please review the alerts and refer to the LTC variable description and file layout document: [Variable Description and File Layout LTC Sept 2024 508 \(cdc.gov\)](#). The document provides complete information on the variables included on .CSV templates.

7. **Enter Data for Remaining Required Questions for the LTCF Resident Summary Form.** Beginning 9/30/2024, the COVID-19, Influenza, and RSV vaccination and case/hospitalization reporting forms will be combined for LTC residents. Data submitted using the Person-Level COVID-19 Vaccination form will only auto-populate questions 1-2a of the combined form, resulting in the week saving as **partially complete**, indicated by the week saving as purple in the calendar view. To **complete** reporting, please use a summary-level .CSV file to upload the remaining required data for COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations (questions 2b-4ci). Summary-level group upload instructions and .CSV templates are available here: [LTCF | COVID-19/Respiratory Pathogens Vaccination | NHSN | CDC](#).

Additional questions can be submitted through the [NHSN-ServiceNow](#) portal with “Weekly COVID-19 Reporting: CSV upload” in the short description.