



# NHSN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY COMPONENT

JUNE 2018 NEWSLETTER

## REGISTER NOW! 2018 NHSN LTCF COMPONENT ANNUAL TRAINING

Plan to join us **July 16-18, 2018** for the 2018 National Healthcare Safety Network's (NHSN) Annual Training for Long-term Care Facilities. The training will be held on the CDC campus in Atlanta, Georgia and will include a variety of topics such as antibiotic stewardship, hands on data analysis, surveillance and prevention for urinary tract infections, C. difficile, multi-drug resistant organisms, and more.

While there is no registration fee, participants will be responsible for all travel expenses to include transportation, lodging, and the cost of food and beverages. Capacity for the training is approximately 300 participants, and invitations to attend in-person will be issued on a first-come, first-serve basis. Therefore, we encourage you to register for the annual training as soon as possible. *Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are available.*

To register to attend the 2018 NHSN Long-term Care Facility Component Training in Atlanta, Ga., taking place at the CDC\*, click [here](#).

Check out the agenda [here](#).

\*For those unable to attend in-person, all presentations during the three-day training will be available via live web-stream. Registration is NOT required for those participating via web-streaming. Please email [NHSNtrain@cdc.gov](mailto:NHSNtrain@cdc.gov), adding "LTC Annual Training" in the subject header with training-related questions.

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**NOTE: See page 2 for more registration information**

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## WHAT'S NEW TO THE 2018 NHSN LTCF ANNUAL TRAINING REGISTRATION

This year we will be offering two hands-on, computer lab sessions (*Monday and Tuesday, July 16 & 17*), that will require *additional* registration.

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3:45 – 4:45*	Session A: Understanding the Analytic Functions in NHSN  (Course capacity of 60)	Elisabeth Mungai, MS, MPH, Public Health Analyst, CDC
3:45 – 4:45*	Session B: NHSN Navigation: A Basic Overview of NHSN Reporting  (Course capacity of 20)	Ismaila Ramon, PhD, MPH Sci- entific Data Analyst, CDC

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\*Session A & B are concurrent courses and have a maximum capacity due to the number of computers available in the computer lab.

It is important to note:

1. You may only attend each hands-on session once. Example 1: If you register for Session B, on Monday, you may register for Session A, on Tuesday. OR Example 2: You cannot register for Session A on Monday *AND* Tuesday.
2. Space is limited. Therefore, registration for each session will be based on a lottery system after general training registration is closed.
3. We will notify you via email, if you qualify to attend one or both hands-on, lab sessions. You will also be invited to complete a separate registration process for the lab sessions.
4. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN LAPTOP. Only one session, each day, will be located in an actual computer lab with CDC computers for usage.
5. Lab session A & B **WILL NOT** be web-streamed or recorded.

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# TWO NEW RESOURCES ADDED TO THE NHSN LTCF WEBPAGE

The [NHSN Long-term Care Facility Component Manual](#) includes a wealth of information and resources relevant to NHSN surveillance and reporting. The manual combines all of the NHSN LTCF protocols, data collection forms and table of instructions, and other great resources used by participating long-term care facilities. Save the document to your computer or print it for easy access.

The screenshot shows the NHSN website interface. At the top right is a 'CDC A-Z INDEX' dropdown. The main header is 'National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN)'. On the left is a navigation menu with items like 'NHSN Login', 'About NHSN', 'Enroll Here', and 'Materials for Enrolled Facilities'. The main content area is titled 'Surveillance for C. difficile, MRSA, and other Drug-resistant Infections' and includes social media icons. Below this is a section for 'Resources for NHSN Users Already Enrolled' with expandable categories: Training, Protocol, Data Collection Forms, Supporting Material, Analysis Resources, and FAQs. The 'Protocol' category is expanded, showing a list of links: 'LabID Event Protocol for LTCF January 2018', 'Long-term Care Facility Manual 2018' (highlighted with a red box and a red arrow), and 'Component Protocol Changes for LTCF January 2018'. To the right is a 'New Users - Start Here' box with a photo of two people at a computer and a list of steps: 'Step 1: Enroll into NHSN', 'Step 2: Set up NHSN', and 'Step 3: Report', with a 'Click here to enroll' link.

The NHSN Long-term Care Facility Component [Frequently Asked Questions](#) documents incorporates common questions we receive from our users with detailed responses.

This screenshot is similar to the one above, showing the NHSN website. The 'FAQs' category under 'Resources for NHSN Users Already Enrolled' is expanded, showing a list of links: 'LTCF Frequently Asked Questions' (highlighted with a red box and a red arrow), 'About NHSN', and 'HIPAA Privacy Rule'. The rest of the page layout, including the navigation menu and the 'New Users - Start Here' box, is identical to the previous screenshot.

**\*\*Please note that these updates can also be found in the Urinary Tract Infections module and the Process Measures – Hand Hygiene, Gloves and Gown Adherence module.**

# CHECK OUT WHAT'S NEW ON THE NHSN TRAINING PAGE! THE NHSN EDUCATIONAL ROADMAP

New to NHSN? The [NHSN Educational Roadmaps](#) will provide a guided tour of the training materials and information needed to provide a solid foundation of NHSN – from the basics to more advanced training for each individual component or protocol.

In each component there is a selection of educational and supplemental materials and tools to improve your comprehension of NHSN surveillance definitions, reporting, and analysis (while supporting your work as an NHSN user). To begin this learning experience, select a component.

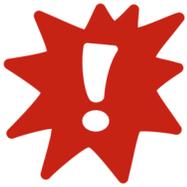
This training should be used after the enrollment/activation process. If you have not enrolled into NHSN please [enroll here](#).

The screenshot shows the NHSN Educational Roadmaps page. On the left is a navigation menu with options like 'NHSN Home', 'NHSN Training', and 'NHSN Educational Roadmaps'. The main content area features a large banner with the title 'NHSN Educational Roadmaps' and a list of components. The 'Long-term Care Facility Component' is highlighted with a red circle and a red arrow pointing to it from the right. Below the components is a 'Get Email Updates' section.

The Long-term Care (LTC) Facility Component Educational Roadmap has three (3) sections, LTC Foundation, Modules/Protocols and Analysis. For the best learning experience, start with the Long-term Care Foundation section and work your way down the list and complete each item. After you complete this section, select the LTC Modules/Protocols Training that best meets your practice needs followed by Analysis.

The screenshot shows the 'LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY COMPONENT TRAINING' page. It features a banner with the title 'NHSN Educational Roadmaps' and a subtitle 'LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY COMPONENT TRAINING'. Below the banner is a welcome message: 'Welcome to the Long-term Care Facility Component (LTC) Educational Roadmap. This roadmap has three (3) sections, LTC Foundation, Modules/Protocols and Analysis. For the best learning experience, start with the Long-term Care Foundation section and work your way down the list and complete each item. After you complete this section, select the LTC Modules/Protocols Training that best meets your practice needs followed by Analysis.' Below this is a section titled 'Phase I: Long-Term Care Foundation' with a sub-heading 'Part I: NHSN Getting to Know NHSN and the Long-term Care Facility Component'. This section lists two training items: 'Infection Surveillance and Prevention in Long-term Care: A National Perspective, January 2017 [Video - 26 min] Slideset [PDF - 2 MB]' and 'Overview of Using NHSN to Track and Report Infections in LTCF, January 2017 [Video - 42 min] Slideset [PDF - 3 MB]'. Each item has a play button icon and a PDF icon.

## REMINDER: NHSN RE-CONSENT DEADLINE IS NOW JULY 9, 2018



Way to go! So far 76% of long-term care facilities have completed the re-consent process. Facilities that enrolled in NHSN *before* December 2, 2017, must accept the updated NHSN Consent. The NHSN assigned Facility Administrator or Primary Contact for the LTCF must agree to this updated Consent Form no later than *July 9, 2018*, to avoid losing access to NHSN. Guidance for Reviewing and Accepting NHSN's Updated Agreement to Participate and Consent can be found [here](#).

If a component has not agreed to the new consent form by the new **July 9th deadline**, its NHSN functionality will be disabled until the consent form is accepted by either the listed facility administrator or the listed component primary contact.

Additional information, including [Frequently Asked Questions](#) and the updated NHSN purposes, are available on CDC's NHSN website. If you have any questions, please send an email to [NHSN@cdc.gov](mailto:NHSN@cdc.gov) with the subject line "NHSN Re-consent."

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***NOTE: Facilities that enrolled in NHSN on or after December 2, 2017, have already accessed this new Consent and will not need to accept it again if they have already done so.***

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## APIC ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2018, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Every year, thousands of healthcare professionals from around the world gather for three days to expand their network and learn about evidence-based advances in infection prevention.

The [Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology \(APIC\)](#) Annual Conference is the premier forum for infection prevention and epidemiology professionals who want to learn about the latest research, science, and real-world solutions to challenging infection prevention issues.

During the APIC Annual Conference, CDC staff presented on surveillance and prevention for LTCFs, including infection events reported to NHSN. More information about the APIC Annual Conference 2018 can be found [here](#).

**Presenter (s):** Elisabeth Mungai, MS, MPH, Kathie Nichols BSN, RN, CRRN, Katie Pelofske, RN-BC

**Presentation:** *Lessons from a National Nursing Home CDI Surveillance Partnership*

**Summary:** In 2016, CDC and CMS joined efforts to improve surveillance and prevention of Clostridium difficile infections (CDI) among nursing homes through a collaborative project implemented through Quality Innovation Network-Quality Improvement Organizations (QIN-QIO). This session provided insights from the teams working with nursing homes to support their efforts to reporting CDI into National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) and shared perspectives from front-line providers involved in this initiative.



## QUESTIONS ABOUT NHSN?

Contact us at [nhsn@cdc.gov](mailto:nhsn@cdc.gov) with "LTCF" in the subject line, and we will respond to your inquiry.