

Introduction

As testing at long-term care (LTC) facilities has expanded with the addition of point-of-care testing kits in recent months, the state has likewise expanded the avenues through which data is collected from facilities. Given the additional modes of entry for COVID-19 data, the Indiana State Department of Health wants to offer clear guidelines for facilities so they can correctly and accurately submit data regarding their residents and staff.

Data Sources for COVID-19 Related Data Submission

The table and chart below outline the various pathways LTC facilities submit COVID-19 related data to the state and federal governments.

Importantly, the state requires that facilities report to the following systems, which are focused on patient-level testing information:

- Long-term Care COVID-19 Reporting form (row 1 below)
- COVID-19 Point of Care (POC) Test Reporting form (row 2 below)
- Death Reporting Line for COVID-19-related deaths (row 5 below)

In addition, the federal government (the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services) requires all certified nursing homes (SNF/NFs) to submit facility-specific data to the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) (row 3 below).

Finally, facilities not reporting directly to NHSN who wish to contribute to aggregated data submitted to NHSN by the Department of Health can do so through an additional form (row 4 below).

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Reporting of Laboratory Results for COVID-19 (in order of preference)

Reporting System/Form	System	Purpose/Description	Required?	Time Frame
Long-Term Care COVID-19 Reporting form	REDCap: Managed by ISDH	Reporting form for all positive case results and submissions, including staff and residents.	Yes	Within 24 hours of positive result (if false positive not suspected)
COVID-19 Point of Care (POC) Test Reporting form	REDCap: Managed by ISDH	POC test reporting form that should include both positive and negative POC test results (even if potentially a false positive). All facilities are required to submit data through here, regardless of facility type. ¹	Yes	Within 24 hours of result of POC test
NHSN LTCF COVID-19 Module	Web Portal: Managed by NHSN	NHSN-required fields solely for certified nursing homes (SNF/NFs). ²	For some facilities, yes.	Weekly, with a preference for submission on the same day each week
Long Term Care COVID-19 Aggregate Reporting	REDCap: Managed by ISDH	For facilities interested in submitting NHSN-related data for inclusion in aggregate data submitted to NHSN.	No	Weekly, with a preference for submission on the same day each week
Death Reporting Line	ISDH Hotline	For reporting any death identified as related to COVID-19 (765-860-6053).	Yes	Within 24 hours of the death

¹ If a previously submitted positive result comes back as a false positive (or vice versa), please email Kelly White at KeWhite@isdh.in.gov.

² This data is gathered by ISDH weekly.

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Data Submission Process Flow: Case-level Information

