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## **New Reporting Requirements for Nursing Homes Effective May 1**

In [Update #56](#), we communicated about CMS release of an [interim final rule](#) with comment period which revises § 483.80, establishing explicit reporting requirements for long-term care (LTC) facilities to report information related to COVID-19 cases among facility residents and staff. These reporting requirements are applicable on the effective date of this interim final rule, which is the date of the publication at the Office of the Federal Register.

CMS has informed AHCA that the new requirements for nursing homes in this rule was effective as of **May 1**. CMS's intention is that the first of the weekly reportings to CDC in the NHSN COVID-19 module are submitted by May 8. We are advocating that there be a grace period for enforcement of this rule given the lack of clarity on the notifications to residents, their representatives and families, as well as the technical complexities and quantity of information that must be submitted to CDC for NHSN COVID-19 reporting.

AHCA is developing resources to help members with these new requirements, including a template communication for notifications to residents, their representatives and families. AHCA is also working with CDC NHSN team to get resources to members on using NHSN. See article below for further developments on that front.

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## **More Materials Available from CDC NHSN on New COVID-19 Module for Nursing Homes**

CDC NHSN has released more materials for nursing homes to prepare for this new reporting requirement, including a [guide to using the COVID-19 module](#). Visit the CDC website to [sign up for updates](#).

There are two upcoming webinar trainings for the new LTCF COVID-19 Module. The training webinars will be recorded and posted to the LTCF COVID-19 Module webpage with a PDF of the slide presentation.

**COVID-19 Module for Long-term Care Facilities Enrollment Guidance**

Monday, May 4, 2020  
2:00 – 3:30 PM Eastern Time

## **COVID-19 Module Overview for Long-term Care Facilities**

Tuesday May 5, 2020  
3:00 – 4:30 PM Eastern Time

Learn how to join these webinars on the [CDC NHSN website](#). If you have any questions, please email CDC at [NHSN@cdc.gov](mailto:NHSN@cdc.gov) and include LTCF COVID-19 in the subject line.

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## **PPE Burn Rate Calculator - Mobile App**

The Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Burn Rate Calculator is now available as a [mobile app](#). Facilities can use the NIOSH PPE Tracker app to calculate their average PPE consumption rate or “burn rate.” The app estimates how many days a PPE supply will last given current inventory levels and PPE burn rate. For the excel version, please visit the [CDC website](#).

Please email [COVID19@ahca.org](mailto:COVID19@ahca.org) for additional questions, or visit [ahcancal.org/coronavirus](http://ahcancal.org/coronavirus) for more information.

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