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Dear NHSN Users,

An updated Agreement to Participate and Consent (“Agreement”) is now available in the NHSN application and must be accepted by all facilities who participate in NHSN. All facilities have previously signed this Agreement when they enrolled in NHSN and are now required to electronically accept the updated Agreement.

The Agreement includes eligibility criteria for participation in NHSN, data collection and reporting requirements, an Assurance of Confidentiality under the Public Health Service Act, and a description of the NHSN Stated Purposes. Please review next steps and details about the updates below.

Action Required:

- Upon logging into NHSN, a text alert at the top of the NHSN home page prompts Facility Administrators to review and electronically accept the updated Agreement by **June 1, 2027**, on behalf of their facility.
- The updated Agreement will be accepted once per OrgID rather than once per enrolled component.* Electronic acceptance of the updated Agreement for the component you are currently logged into will be reflected across all components your facility is following at the time of acceptance.
- Any facility who has not electronically accepted the updated Agreement by June 1, 2027, will not be able to report data to NHSN after June 1, 2027, until this action is complete. The facility will remain active in NHSN and facility users will still have access to historical data and analyses.

- Instructions for Facility Administrators on how to accept the updated Agreement can be found here: [2026 Guidance for Accepting the Updated NHSN Agreement to Participate and Consent](#). (Or, if you are the Facility Administrator for more than one facility, please use the following instructions: [2026 Guidance for Accepting the NHSN Agreement on Behalf of Multiple Facilities](#).)

Key Updates:

- NHSN's stated purposes will now be maintained on the NHSN Stated Purposes webpage and are linked in the Agreement. Language has been added to strengthen patient-level data protections to ensure data are used only for public health surveillance and healthcare preparedness.
- There is one new Stated Purpose. NHSN will begin data sharing with the HHS Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) to support healthcare preparedness and emergency response. **This does *not* constitute a new reporting requirement.**
- Explicit language has also been added to the NHSN Stated Purposes to align with upcoming functionality that will allow hospitals to report claims data in NHSN. Like other data reported to NHSN, claims data will be used to permit valid estimation of adverse events among patients.
- Edits have been made to explicitly state CDC's commitment to working with tribal health organizations alongside state, local, and territorial health departments, and to reflect new healthcare data exchange approaches.

Questions:

An updated list of [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) is available on the NHSN website with more information.

The NHSN Help Desk is also available to answer questions related to this process. Please submit questions via [NHSN-ServiceNow](#) using the subject line "Agreement to Participate." If you are unable to access ServiceNow, please [submit a question](#) via email with the same subject line.

Thank you for your continued commitment to patient safety and participation in NHSN.

Thank you,

The NHSN Team