

Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

Health Alert Network

Update

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Upcoming Changes in EMResource

As of April 30, 2024, hospitals are no longer required to report Hospital Respiratory Pathogen, Bed Capacity, and Supply Data (i.e., 'COVID-19 Hospital' data) to HHS through the CDC's National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN). **Current guidance can be found here:

<https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/covid-19-faqs-hospitals-hospital-laboratory-acute-care-facility-data-reporting.pdf>.

Given the value of these data for patient safety and public health, the CDC is strongly encouraging hospitals to continue reporting these data through NHSN after the current requirement sunsets.

NHSN's capability to receive COVID-19 data from hospitals will continue, and the module and current reporting modalities (webform, CSV upload, API, etc.) will continue to be available after April 30, 2024.

NE DHHS will end the COVID-19 events in EMResource after reporting becomes no longer required to reflect NHSN updated requirements. You may still report these statuses through NHSN. NE DHHS and healthcare coalitions may request bed data to be updated in EMResource in the event of a natural disaster or potential surge event. To ensure staff can remain familiar with the process, it is recommended that hospitals report in EMResource once a week.

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