Changes to COVID-19 Reporting in Minnesota Congregate Care Settings

COVID-19 Long-Term Care Surveillance Team

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Changes to Case Reporting
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• Skilled nursing facilities (SNF)
  • No longer need to report individual cases through MDH
  • Continue reporting case counts through CDC's National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) per CMS requirements

• Assisted living facilities (AL) and other MDH licensed facilities
  • No longer need to report individual cases through MDH
  • Report total resident case counts and total staff case counts once a week
  • Now includes reporting of aggregate staff cases

• Deaths must still be reported individually – no changes

• Positive results from Point-of-Care (POC) tests performed at the facility still need to be reported separately per CLIA requirements

• Changes effective July 13, 2022
Skilled Nursing Facilities

• Continue to report aggregate case counts to NHSN per CMS requirements

• Do not need to report cases to MDH as these are already reported through NHSN

• If conducting POC testing, still required to report positive lab results to either MDH RePortal or NHSN

• Still required to report any deaths in residents who have previously tested positive for COVID-19 within one working day
  
  • No change to current death reporting—will review later in presentation
Assisted Living Facilities (and Other MDH Licensed Facilities)

• No longer need to submit individual level information for all cases

• Facilities must report:
  • Total number of cases in residents per week, every week
  • Total number of cases in staff per week, every week

• Must be reported to MDH through COVID-19 Long-Term Care Report Form
  (https://redcap-c19.web.health.state.mn.us/redcap/surveys/?s=HH47NMERJHJX7CJF)
  • Choose one day of the week
  • Consistently report total numbers of cases from the previous week on that day (even if 0 cases)
  • No longer need to report individual level information

• Still required to report positive POC COVID-19 test results to MDH RePortal
• Still required to report any deaths in residents who have previously tested positive for COVID-19
When to Report COVID-19 Cases?

Skilled Nursing Facilities

• Continue to report total case counts through NHSN per CMS requirements
  • No change

• Death reports through MDH COVID-19 Long-Term Care Report Form (https://redcap-c19.web.health.state.mn.us/redcap/surveys/?s=HH47NMERJHX7CJF)
  • Report within one business day

Assisted Living Facilities & Other MDH Licensed Facilities

• Total case counts through MDH COVID-19 Long-Term Care Report Form (https://redcap-c19.web.health.state.mn.us/redcap/surveys/?s=HH47NMERJHX7CJF)
  • Reported on a weekly basis
  • Choose a day of the week to report all cases in the previous week, and continue reporting on that day weekly
  • Updates on case counts can be made for previous weeks at this time

• Death reports through MDH online report form
  • Report within one business day
Facilities Licensed Only by DHS

• Report aggregate cases in facility to MDH
  • Facilities with 30 or more beds – report total number of cases in residents and total number of cases in staff by week if cases in the facility
  • Facilities with fewer than 30 beds (e.g., small group home) – only report when you have COVID-19 cases

• DHS facilities do not need to report individual cases (except for cases that have died)

• DHS facilities do not need to report when there are no cases in the facility

• All DHS licensed facilities are still required to report deaths in residents who have previously tested positive for COVID-19 within one business day

• Facilities licensed by both DHS and MDH should follow guidelines for MDH facilities
Death Reporting for all Facility Types – No Change

- Death Reporting – Deaths in residents who have previously tested positive for COVID-19 must be reported to MDH within one business day regardless of facility type
  - No change from current reporting requirements
  - All facility types must report deaths to MDH
  - Includes case-specific information
  - Will use COVID-19 Long-Term Care Report Form ([link](https://redcap-c19.web.health.state.mn.us/redcap/surveys/?s=HH47NMERJHX7CJF))
Lab Reporting – No Change

• Lab Reporting – Facilities conducting POC COVID-19 tests are acting as the laboratory and must report positive results through CDC's National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) or MDH RePortal
  • No change to this reporting requirement
  • Negative result reporting discontinued as of April 4, 2022
How to Report Aggregate Counts
(Assisted Living, Other MDH Licensed Facilities and Larger DHS Facilities)
Online Reporting Form

- **COVID-19 Long-Term Care Report Form**
  (https://redcap-c19.web.health.state.mn.us/redcap/surveys/?s=HH47NMERJHX7CJF)

- New link - but can get there through the previous link for now: **Submitting Clinical Information on Long Term Care COVID-19 Cases**
  (https://redcap-c19.web.health.state.mn.us/redcap/surveys/?s=H8MT9TNCD)

- Update your bookmark!

- One link to report total case counts and deaths
### Online Reporting Form

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- Case counts
- Death report
- No cases to report
Reporting Cases in Residents

Select week to enter cases

Enter number of cases in text field that appears when each week is selected
Reporting Cases in Residents (cont.)

If additional weeks need to be updated, select those as well. For example, you previously reported 1 case for the week of 5/15/2022-5/21/2022. Today, when entering reports, you realized you actually had 2 cases that week. Just select that week and report the accurate number of cases. This will overwrite your previous report.
• You do not need to enter case totals for weeks you have already reported
  • Only enter case numbers for weeks you have not reported, or for weeks you need to update

• Use the specimen collection date to determine which week a case belongs in

• Weeks run Sunday through Saturday

• If a person has two positive tests (i.e., antigen and then PCR positive a day later) they should only be counted as one case – use earliest specimen collection date to determine week
• Include number of cases who tested positive with NAAT (Nucleic Acid Amplification Tests) or PCR, POC antigen, or at home/over-the-counter (OTC) tests.

• Include all positive cases, regardless of where testing was done, including:
  • At facility
  • At health care provider
  • Within private apartment for residents

• If you have a separate, unlicensed apartment building with independent residents, these residents should not be included in your case counts.
• Include resident cases in total cases counts who:

  • Were in the facility while infectious
    • 2 days before symptom onset through 10 days after symptom onset OR
    • 2 days before test date through 10 days after test date if no symptoms
  • AND were not under transmission-based precautions during the entire infectious period
Staff Cases - worked while infectious

Please select the weeks below for which you would like to enter/update staff case numbers.

If updating a week that you previously reported a case count for, enter the total number of staff cases with a specimen collection date within the week. This will overwrite the previous number reported.

Please enter the total number of staff cases with SARS-CoV-2 infection with a specimen collection date in each of the following time periods. This includes cases with a positive diagnostic test done at the facility by a health care provider, or using an at home or over the counter test.

Staff should only be included in the case counts if they worked or spent time in the facility while infectious.
• You do not need to enter case totals for weeks you have already reported
  • Only enter case numbers for weeks you have not reported, or for weeks you need to update

• Use the specimen collection date to determine which week a case belongs in

• If a person has two positive tests (i.e., antigen and then PCR positive a day later) they should only be counted as one case – use earliest specimen collection date to determine week

• Include number of cases who tested positive with NAAT/PCR, POC antigen, or at home/ OTC tests

• Include all positive staff cases, regardless of where testing was done (at facility/health care provider/staff tested positive at home with OTC test)
• Include staff cases in total cases counts who:
  • Spent time working or interacting with others in the facility while infectious
  • Include all staff, regardless of hours worked or position type (i.e., full time/part time/contract staff)
No Cases in the Facility
No Case to Report

Be sure to fill out contact and facility information, click ‘No cases to report’ and click ‘Submit’
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| Skilled Nursing Facilities   | • Continue to report total resident case count and total staff case counts once a week through NHSN per CMS requirements  
• No longer required to report cases through MDH                                                                                                          |                                                                                |                                                                                     |
| Assisted Living Facilities   | • Report total resident case count and total staff case counts once a week to MDH  
• Report total case counts every week for the previous week  
• Report even if 0 cases                                                                                                                                   | Continue to report case info on deaths to MDH                                  | Continue to report positive lab results through NHSN or MDH RePortal               |
| DHS licensed facilities ≥ 30 beds | • Report total resident case counts and total staff case counts once a week to MDH  
• Report case counts once a week for the previous week, if cases in facility  
• Do not need to report if no cases in facility                                                                                                           |                                                                                |                                                                                     |
| DHS licensed facilities < 30 beds | • Report to MDH that you are experiencing an outbreak if there is a case in your facility  
• Do not need to report case counts                                                                                                                        |                                                                                |                                                                                     |
Upcoming Dates

• These reporting are effective July 13, 2022.

• Questions regarding these reporting changes can be sent to the MDH COVID-19 Long-Term Care Surveillance Team at Health.LTC.COVID19.MDH@state.mn.us.
• Link for reporting case counts, deaths, and outbreaks to MDH: COVID-19 Long-Term Care Report Form (https://redcap-c19.web.health.state.mn.us/redcap/surveys/?s=HH47NMERJHJX7CJF)

• Information on case and lab reporting through NHSN: CDC: LTCF COVID-19 Module (https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/covid19/index.html)

• Information on lab reporting through MDH RePortal: Uploading Lab Results to MDH RePortal (https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/hcp/reportal.html)
Thank you!

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