The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) continue to provide guidance to SNFs regarding the NHSN Long-Term Care Facility (LTCF) COVID-19 Module. All SNF facilities are currently required to submit weekly reports on COVID-19 data.

**Key Points for LTC Facilities:**

- Not later than May 17, 2020, SNFs must submit data going back to May 1, 2020
- F884: COVID-19 Reporting to CDC is the new federal survey tag detailing the reporting requirements
- CMS has confirmed that the required COVID-19 data will be reported publicly on Nursing Home Compare

Failure to report data to the NHSN database could result in an enforcement action. Facilities that fail to begin reporting by May 31 will receive a warning letter reminding them to begin reporting the required information to CDC. Facilities that fail to report by June 7 will be subject to a per day (PD) Civil Money Penalty (CMP) of $1,000 for each failure to report. Continued noncompliance will result in additional PD CMPs
imposed at an amount increased by $500 per week for a total of $4,500 imposed CMPs.

The NHSN Long-Term Care Facility COVID-19 Module training and registration can be found on the [CDC website](https://www.cdc.gov). Facilities should immediately gain access to the NHSN system and begin reporting the required information for each of the pathways. Below are highlights regarding instructions for each of the four reporting pathways to assist facility representatives in submitting data to NHSN accurately.

**Full instructions along with the pathways can be found on the CDC website under the LTCF COVID-19 Module.**

Read more [HERE](https://www.aapacn.org/).

AAPACN’s mission is to support the professional development, empowerment, and success of members with resources. We especially want to provide that support during the current COVID-19 emergency. Our intent is that this email will provide the top few resources needed for directors of nursing and MDS professionals. Please feel free to share these communications with colleagues – we intend to serve all at this critical time.