

# Update: Dialysis COVID-19 Module March 2021

In March 2021, an NHSN release will implement a few updates to the Dialysis COVID-19 Module. These updates will add a new required data field, modify the calendar feature to re-enforce weekly reporting, and clarify labels for various data entry fields. Details about these updates are described below.

## Changes to the main Dialysis COVID-19 calendar:

The calendar launch page used to enter COVID-19 data has been updated from a monthly format to a weekly summary display. Users can click on the week for which they are entering data to be directed to the COVID-19 data entry form. A completed submission will turn green when all required data is entered in the data entry form.

Reminder: Data should be inclusive for the entire current reporting week, which is **Wednesday through Tuesday**. Data needs to be entered on Tuesday evening or Wednesday of the reporting period. For example: Data for 1/13/2021 through 1/19/2021 will need to be entered in NHSN on Tuesday evening (1/19/2021) or that Wednesday (1/20/2021).

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Click a cell to begin entering data for the week which counts are reported. Data entered should be inclusive for the entire current reporting week, which is Wednesday through Tuesday.

13 January 2021 - 23 February 2021

Record Complete Record Incomplete

Weekly COVID-19 Summary

01/13/2021 (Wednesday) - 01/19/2021 (Tuesday)

COVID-19: Patients

01/20/2021 (Wednesday) - 01/26/2021 (Tuesday)

01/27/2021 (Wednesday) - 02/02/2021 (Tuesday)



Data was allowed to be entered daily prior to this calendar feature update. Any data entered prior to the new weekly view will be displayed during the appropriate surveillance week. If there were multiple entries for the surveillance week, there will be multiple entries listed for the week.

### Changes to the COVID-19 Data Collection Forms:

#### Facility Operational Information

The 'Add COVID-19 Data' page has been updated to specify the week of data entry (also called surveillance week) in addition to pertinent facility information.

The new required data field for the "total number of staff (physician, nurses, techs, environmental services, biomed, etc.) who worked at least one day during the current reporting week" is displayed in the first section of the data entry form.

SARS-CoV-2 Positive (+) Infections and Testing Sections

The questions have been clarified with the addition of “during the current reporting week” to the end of each question.

SARS-CoV-2 Positive (+) Patients and Staff

For the following questions, report data on the same day each week at least once a week. For questions requiring counts, include only new data since the last date the counts were collected for reporting in the NHSN Module.

- \*Number of newly confirmed in-center patients during the current reporting week
- \*Number of newly confirmed in-center patients since during the current reporting week
- \*Number of newly confirmed patients during the current reporting week
- \*Number of newly confirmed staff during the current reporting week
- \*Number of SARS-CoV-2 patients who are currently admitted to the hospital during the current reporting week
- \*Number of confirmed patients currently self-monitoring and continuing in-center therapy during the current reporting week
- \*Number of confirmed patients currently self-monitoring and continuing home therapy during the current reporting week

Suspected SARS-CoV-2 Infection

For the following questions, report data on the same day each week at least once a week. For questions requiring counts, include only new data since the last date the counts were collected for reporting in the NHSN Module.

- \*Number of new suspect patient cases during the current reporting week
- \*Number of new suspect staff cases since last reporting during the current reporting week

Testing for SARS-CoV-2 Infection

For the following questions, report data on the same day each week at least once a week. For questions requiring counts, include only new data since the last date the counts were collected for reporting in the NHSN Module.

- \*Number of new patients who were recently tested for SARS-CoV-2 during the current reporting week
- \*Of those new patients who were recently tested for SARS-CoV-2 result during the current reporting week, how many had a negative SARS-CoV-2 test
- \*Of those new patients who were recently tested for SARS-CoV-2 result during the current reporting week, how many had a positive SARS-CoV-2 test
- \*Of those new patients who were recently tested for SARS-CoV-2 result during the current reporting week, how many had an unknown SARS-CoV-2 test

SARS-CoV-2 Positives (+) that have recovered

For the following questions, report data on the same day each week at least once a week. For questions requiring counts, include only new data since the last date the counts were collected for reporting in the NHSN Module.

- \*Number of patients recovered during the current reporting week
- \*Number of staff recovered during the current reporting week

Suspected or Confirmed SARS-CoV-2 deaths

For the following questions, report data on the same day each week at least once a week. For questions requiring counts, include only new data since the last date the counts were collected for reporting in the NHSN Module.

- \*Number of patients with suspected or confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infection that have died during the current reporting week
- \*Number of staff with suspected or confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infection that have died during the current reporting week

