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## HHS Asks Hospitals to Prioritize Certain Data Fields in COVID-19 Daily Reporting Starting Tomorrow, July 15

***Selected Data Needed to Inform Remdesivir Distribution. HHS Asks for Reporting of All Data Fields by July 22***

Following yesterday's [announcement](#) of changes to its process for collecting daily COVID-19-related data from hospitals, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) today asked hospitals to prioritize the reporting of seven data fields starting tomorrow, July 15:

- Previous day's new adult admissions for confirmed COVID-19
- Previous day's new adult admissions for suspected COVID-19
- Total adults hospitalized for COVID - suspected and confirmed
- Total hospitalized for COVID - confirmed only
- Total adults in ICU with COVID - suspected and confirmed
- Total adults in ICU with COVID - confirmed
- Remdesivir doses (field will be available by July 15)

In an email (sample attached) sent to registered users of its TeleTracking portal, HHS states it is prioritizing these seven fields because they inform the agency's distribution of remdesivir. Going forward, HHS will pull a week's worth of data each Wednesday to inform its remdesivir distribution efforts. **HHS states that remdesivir distributions will not be calculated correctly if data from each day are not reported.** In addition, HHS reiterates that it will no longer ask for one-time requests for data to aid in the distribution of remdesivir or any other treatments or supplies. This means that the daily reporting is the only mechanism used for the distribution calculations.

While HHS has prioritized the collection of the seven data fields listed above for this week, the agency notes that it intends to use all of the data fields from a hospital's daily reporting for various resource allocations. **HHS asks hospitals to begin reporting all of the data fields included in yesterday's [guidance](#) on hospital reporting by no later than Wednesday, July 22.**

See AHA's July 13 [Special Bulletin](#) for additional details on the options hospitals can use to fulfill HHS's reporting request. **The AHA strongly urges all hospitals to review the announcement and to report the data to HHS as requested.**

## Sample Email Sent to Users of HHS TeleTracking Portal



### U.S. HEALTHCARE COVID-19 PORTAL

**Message from:**  
**U.S. Department of Health & Human Services**  
**Urgent: Change to COVID-19 Hospital Reporting**

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Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Thank you for your continued leadership and partnership in the COVID-19 response. As the virus continues to rapidly change in the ways it spreads through communities, our ability to detect and respond with specific interventions and therapeutics requires timely and accurate data from hospitals. In order to distribute remdesivir, convalescent plasma, and other critical supplies, we need accurate, timely, and complete information each and every day from every hospital.

In the most recent analysis of ACTT, findings suggest that remdesivir is most effective in hospitalized patients who require oxygen but are not intubated or on ECMO, and therefore timely drug administration to patients who can benefit is critical. These findings modified our data collection plan to require daily reporting from hospitals instead of periodic requests that have previously been sent out weekly or every two weeks. In order to streamline reporting, we reviewed all mechanisms that hospitals are using to report COVID-19 data. Initially, we set up flexible reporting methods; however, we see that hospitals are now reporting through multiple systems, which is not effective. Starting July 15th, there will be two hospital reporting options (1) TeleTracking and (2) HHS Protect. We are retiring NHSN for COVID-19 hospital reporting. This does not impact reporting for other conditions through NHSN, and COVID-19 nursing home data will continue to be reported through NHSN.

For the distribution of remdesivir, we will be pulling data on Wednesday of each week from the information reported by hospitals as outlined in Secretary Alex Azar's [recently updated Guidance for Hospital Reporting](#) that defines the methods, data elements, and definitions.

**If you have not reported daily for each day leading up to Wednesday of each week, your distribution of remdesivir will not be calculated correctly.**

It is critical that you report the information requested below on a consistent, daily basis. We will no longer be sending out one-time requests for data to aid in the distribution of remdesivir. Instead, we will rely solely on the daily reporting as requested in Secretary Alex Azar's [Guidance for Hospital Reporting](#).

While it is critical to report each of the data variables daily, we ask that you urgently start reporting the following fields that will specifically be used for determining remdesivir distribution by Wednesday, July 15th.

- Previous day's new adult admissions for confirmed Covid-19
- Previous day's new adult admissions for suspected Covid-19
- Total adults hospitalized for Covid - suspected and confirmed
- Total hospitalized for Covid - confirmed only
- Total adults in ICU with Covid - suspected and confirmed
- Total adults in ICU with Covid - confirmed
- remdesivir doses (being added soon)

While the above data elements will be used for the distribution of remdesivir, other fields will be used for the distribution of other items such as convalescent plasma and/or PPE. As a result, we ask that you report all of the data elements included in the [Guidance for Hospital Reporting](#) on daily basis beginning no later than Wednesday, July 22nd. The Guidance document provides information about what to report where to report and when to report.

If you have any trouble with reporting or have questions, please email [protect-servicedesk@hhs.gov](mailto:protect-servicedesk@hhs.gov).

Thank you for your quick attention to this vital request and for everything you do to support those affected by the COVID-19.

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*Saint Elsewhere Hospital*  
CCN: 999900  
NPI: 9999999922

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