

NHSN Website Refresh

Quick Reference Guide (QRG)

Why We Refreshed

- The NHSN website is a vital resource for healthcare facilities and supports use of the NHSN Application
- Needs assessment data and user interviews identified several barriers to using key sections of the site

What We Aimed to Achieve

- Make key content easier to find
- Reduce website clutter
- Improve content readability
- Reorganize and streamline webpage layout

Most Notable Changes

- Easier access to frequently used NHSN resources
- Reporting and Surveillance Resources (such as Modules/Events) organized by Facility Type or NHSN Component

Navigating Redesigned Sections of the NHSN Website

- This QRG will help you navigate newly redesigned key sections of the NHSN website:

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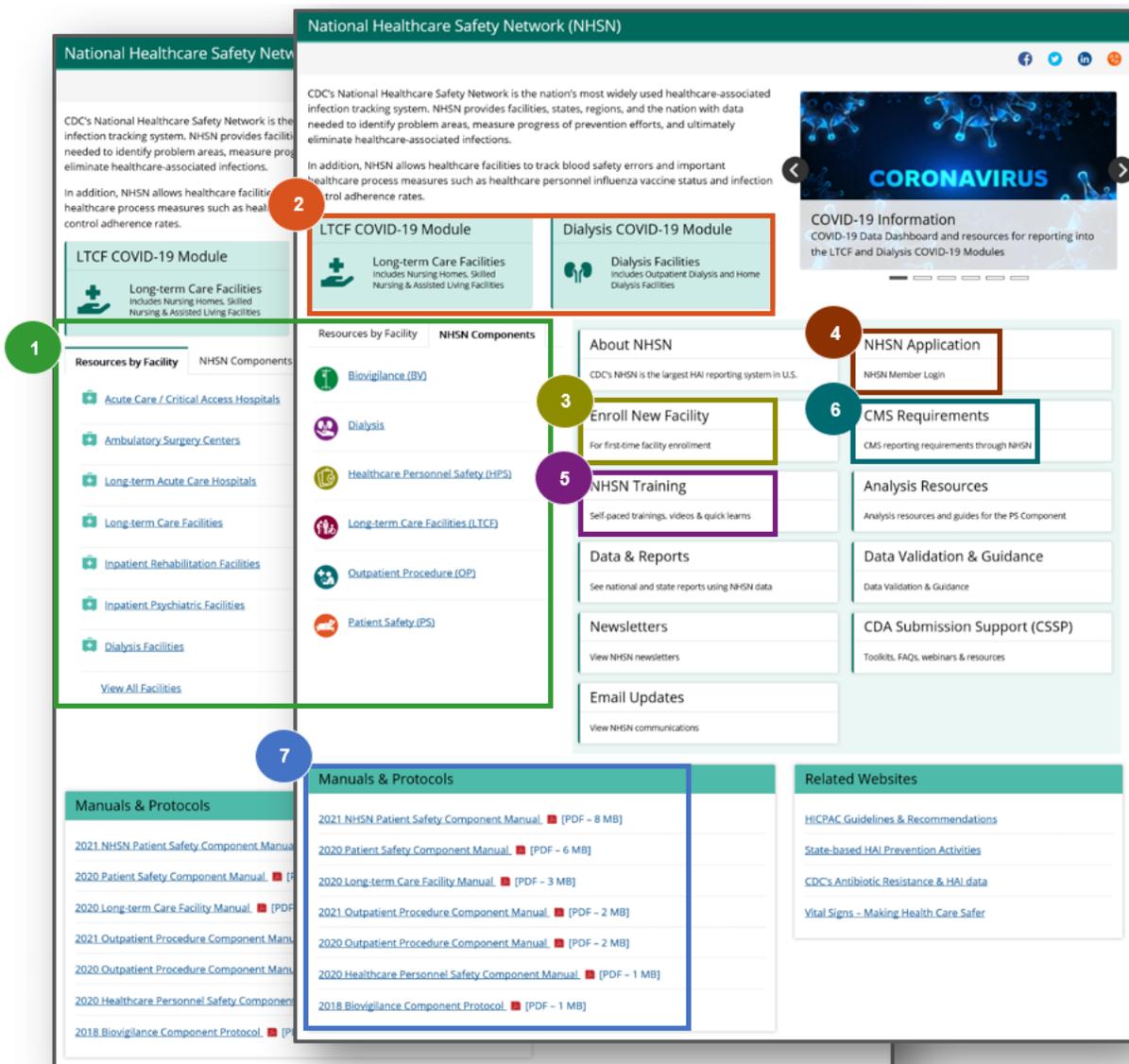
Review & Update Your Bookmarks as Needed



NHSN Home Webpage

Numbered Guide to Select Webpage Resources

1. Reporting and Surveillance resources (accessible by Facility Type or NHSN Component)
2. COVID-19 Modules
3. New Facility Enrollment
4. NHSN Application
5. NHSN Training Resources
6. CMS Requirements
7. Manuals & Protocols



Patient Safety Component Landing & Facility Landing Webpage

Take Note- All redesigned Facility Landing webpages and NHSN Component Landing webpages have a similar layout and access to resources, pertinent to that specific facility or NHSN Component. The screen shots (below) illustrate typical resources and layout for the Patient Safety Component (PSC) and Facility Landing Pages.

Numbered Guide to Select Webpage Resources

1. Facilities Reporting in PSC and Available Components for Specific Facility type
2. New User Resources such as Enroll New Facility and Training and Educational Resources
3. PSC Manuals
4. PSC Modules & Events
5. NHSN Analysis and PSC Resources

The image displays two screenshots of webpages with numbered callouts (1-5) highlighting key features:

- 1. Patient Safety Component (PSC) Landing Page:**
 - Facilities Reporting in PSC: Acute Care / Critical Access Hospitals, Long-term Acute Care Hospitals, Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities.
 - PSC Manual: 2021 PSC Manual (PDF - 8 MB), 2020 PSC Manual (PDF - 6 MB).
 - PSC Modules & Events: AUR Module (Antimicrobial Use & Resistance Options), BSI Events (Bloodstream Infections), CLIP Events (Central Line Insertion Practice Adherence), MDRO & CDI Events (Multidrug-Resistant Organism & C. difficile Infections), PedVAE (Pediatric Ventilator-associated Events), PNEU Events (Pneumonia (PedVAP) Events), SSI Events (Surgical Site Infection Events), UTI Events (Urinary Tract Infections), VAE (Ventilator-associated Events).
 - NHSN Analysis: Quick Reference Guides, Analysis Training Videos, Annual Reports, Adjusted Ranking Metric.
 - PSC Resources: Frequently Asked Questions, Data Validation & Guidance, Calculators & Worksheets, HAI Checklists.
- 2. Facility Landing Page:**
 - Available Components: Patient Safety Component (PSC), Healthcare Personnel Safety Component (HPS), Biovigilance Component (BV).
 - New Users: Enroll New Facility, Training Resources, Educational Roadmap.
 - PSC Manual: 2021 PSC Manual (PDF - 8 MB), 2020 PSC Manual (PDF - 6 MB).
 - Annual Facility Surveys, Locations & Monthly Reporting Plans.
 - Modules & Events: Access relevant training, protocols, data collection forms and supporting materials for each module. Includes AUR Module, BSI Events, CLIP Events, MDRO & CDI Events, PedVAE, HCP COVID-19 Vaccination, HCP Flu Vaccination, HCP Exposure, Blood Safety.
 - NHSN Analysis: Quick Reference Guides, Analysis Training Videos, Annual Reports, Adjusted Ranking Metric.
 - PSC Resources: Frequently Asked Questions, Data Validation & Guidance, Calculators & Worksheets, HAI Checklists, CMS Requirements, NHSN Newsletters, Email Updates.

Patient Safety Component Module/Event Webpage

Take Note- All Module/Event webpages have a similar layout and access to resources, pertinent to that specific module/event. The screen shot (below) illustrates typical resources (*not all resources*) and layout; *however, resources may vary depending on module/event.*

Numbered Guide to Select Webpage Resources

1. Protocols
2. Training and Educational Resources (Module or Component Specific)
3. Supporting Chapters
4. FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)
5. Data Collection Forms and Instructions
6. Supporting Materials such as HAI & POA Calculator and Analysis Resources
7. Supporting Forms– links to *Annual Facility Surveys, Locations & Monthly Reporting Plans* webpage

The screenshot shows a webpage layout for a Module/Event Page. The page is divided into several sections, with numbered callouts (1-7) pointing to specific areas:

- 1. Protocols:** Includes links for Chapter 4: Bloodstream Infection (BSI) Event – January 2021 (PDF - 1 MB), 2021 Summary of Updates (PDF - 200 KB), and Chapter 2: Identifying Healthcare-associated Infections (HAIs) in NHSN.
- 2. Training and Educational Resources:** Includes Training, Educational Roadmap, CMS Requirements, and HAI Checklists.
- 3. Supporting Chapters:** Includes Chapter 1: NHSN Overview – January 2021 (PDF - 150 KB), Chapter 3: Patient Safety Monthly Reporting Plan – January 2021 (PDF - 100 KB), and Chapter 16: NHSN Key Terms – January 2021 (PDF - 150 KB).
- 4. FAQs:** Includes Analysis and Miscellaneous.
- 5. Data Collection Forms & Instructions:** Includes Modules/Events (Primary Bloodstream Infection (BSI) form – January 2021 (57,108) (PDF - 200 KB), Customizable form (DOCX - 80 KB), Table of Instructions (PDF - 180 KB)), Denominator Forms (ACH: Denominators for Intensive Care Unit (ICU)/Other locations (not NICU or SCA) form – January 2021 (57,118) (PDF - 80 KB), Customizable form (DOCX - 60 KB), Table of Instructions (PDF - 200 KB)), and Custom Event Form (HAI Custom Event form – January 2021 (57,115) (PDF - 180 KB), Customizable form (DOCX - 80 KB), and instructions for use).
- 6. Supporting Materials:** Includes NHSN Organism List (All Organisms, Common Commensals, MBI Organisms, and UUTI Bacteria) – January 2021 (XLSX - 300 KB), Guidance for Missing Device-associated Denominator Data (PDF - 145 KB), Unusual Susceptibility Profiles Alert – January 2021 (PDF - 650 KB), Location Mapping Checklist (PDF - 750 KB), and HAI & POA Calculator (Healthcare-associated Infection (HAI) and Present on Admission Infection (POA) Worksheet Generator (must have JavaScript enabled), Worksheet for Determining Date of Event, Infection Window Period, Repeat Infection Timeframe, and Secondary BSI Attribution Period 2017 (XLSX - 18 KB), Example Worksheet (XLSX - 21 KB)).
- 7. Supporting Forms:** Includes Annual Facility Surveys and Monthly Reporting Plan.

At the bottom of the page, there is a section titled "Resources to Help Prevent HAIs" with links to HHS Action Plan to Prevent Healthcare-associated Infections, Guideline for Isolation Precautions: Preventing Transmission of Infectious Agents in Healthcare Settings, 2007, Guideline for Environmental Infection Control in Healthcare Facilities, 2003, and CDC Infection Control Guidance Library.