



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Healthcare Safety Network is the nation's most widely used healthcare-associated infection tracking system. NHSN provides facilities, states, regions and the nation with data needed to identify problem areas, measure progress of prevention efforts and ultimately eliminate healthcare-associated infections.

In addition, NHSN allows health care facilities to track blood safety errors and important process measures, such as health care personnel influenza vaccine status and infection control adherence rates.

National Healthcare Safety Network Training

- [Patient Safety Component](#)
- [Biovigilance Component](#)
- [Healthcare Personnel Safety Component](#)
- [Dialysis Component](#)
- [NHSN Training Videos](#)
- [Self-paced Interactive Trainings](#)
- [Analysis & Targeted Assessment for Prevention Trainings](#)
- [Request CDC-Led Training](#)

National Healthcare Safety Network Resources

- [Keys to Success with NHSN Data](#)
- [The NHSN Guide to Standardized Infection Ratio \(SIR\)](#)
- [The NHSN Guide to Standardized Utilization Ratio \(SUR\)](#)
- [Tracking Infections in Acute Care Hospitals/Facilities](#)
- [State-based HAI Prevention \(MO\) State Contact: \[Madison Poiry\]\(#\)](#)
- [Protocols, Analysis, and Reporting: Getting the Most from NHSN](#)
- [How to Modify a Report](#)
- [Patient Safety Data Quality Guidance and Toolkit for Reporting Facilities](#)
- Communication Updates:
 - [Newsletters](#)
 - [E-mail Updates](#)

National Healthcare Safety Network FAQs

- [FAQs About NHSN](#)

- [FAQs About NHSN Agreement to Participate and Consent](#)
- [SAMS NHSN User FAQs](#)
- [CMS Quality Reporting Programs FAQs](#)

Five-Step Enrollment for Acute Care Hospitals/Facilities:

Step 1: Training and Preparation

- Read the [NHSN Facility Administrator Enrollment Guide – Acute Care Hospitals/Facilities](#)
 - Complete the [Patient Safety Component — Annual Hospital Survey; Instructions for Completion of the Patient Safety Component-Annual Hospital Survey](#)

Step 2: Register

- Agree to [Rules of Behavior](#), and register facility with NHSN using CMS Certification Number (CCN) or CDC assigned enrollment ID.
- After registration, you will receive two emails: “Welcome to NHSN!” arrives from NHSN immediately, and “Invitation to Register” arrives from SAMS-no-reply within 24 hours.

Step 3a: Register with SAMS

- From the “Invitation to Register” email, log in to SAMS with your username (i.e., email address) and temporary password provided. Accept the SAMS Rules of Behavior, and complete the online SAMS registration form. Within 24 hours of successful online registration, you will receive SAMS “Identity Verification Request” email.

Step 3b: Complete and Submit Identity Proofing Verification

- From the “Identity Verification Request” email, print the Identity Verification Form, complete it and take it to a notary public for endorsement. Fax the form and supporting documentation to CDC. You will receive “SAMS Account Activation” and “SAMS Activity Authorization” emails when your access is approved.
- To access SAMS, you must receive your SAMS grid card, which will be delivered to your home address via U.S. mail within 14-21 days of your SAMS approval email. If you do not receive your grid card within 21 days, please contact samshelp@cdc.gov for assistance.



Step 4: Submit NHSN Forms Electronically

- Log in to SAMS using your password and SAMS grid card, and select “NHSN Enrollment.” Submit required NHSN forms online, including facility contact information. Shortly after successfully submitting the forms, the Facility Administrator and Primary Contact will receive an “NHSN Facility Enrollment Submitted” email.

Step 5: Submit Consent

- Log in to NHSN, select the appropriate component, and review the “Agreement to Participate and Consent.” Check the “Accept” box next to the appropriate contact name, and then “Submit” the form in each component. Congratulations, enrollment is complete!

Required NHSN Set-Up and Reporting Plan Creation

- [NHSN Set-up \(required before beginning reporting\)](#)
- [Access NHSN reporting](#)