

Dear Hospital Administrator,

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