The COVID-19 Module for LTCFs consists of four pathways within NHSN’s Long-term Care Facility Component:

* Resident Impact and Facility Capacity
* Staff and Personnel Impact
* Supplies and Personal Protective Equipment
* Ventilator Capacity and Supplies

In addition to the reporting pathways, the Point-of-Care (POC) Test Reporting Tool has been added to enable LTCFs to enter POC SARS-CoV-2 test results into the NHSN application. NHSN will route the POC laboratory test data to the public health agency at the local or state level that has jurisdictional authority and responsibility to receive those data. Health agencies, in turn, will use the data to fulfill their public health functions, which include reporting to the US Department of Health and Human Services, where the data will be used in the COVID-19 response. Participation in this pathway requires users to have secure access through Secure Access Management Services (SAMS), which includes having a SAMS grid card.

https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/covid19/index.html
Reminder: NHSN Point of Care Test Result Reporting for LTCFs Webinar this week

The new NHSN option will enable nursing homes to enter point of care (POC) SARS-CoV-2 laboratory test data into the NHSN application. NHSN, in turn, will report the nursing home POC laboratory test data electronically to the public health agency, state or local, that has jurisdictional authority and responsibility to receive and use the nursing home's data. Deidentified nursing home POC laboratory also will be reported via existing public health reporting mechanisms to the US Department of Health and Human Services in accordance with the U.S. Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act requirements.

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Thank you for your understanding and all you are doing to keep your residents and staff safe.

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# Two Webinar Options (same content- different platforms):

## #1
**Title:** Reporting Results of Point of Care Testing for COVID-19: A New NHSN Pathway  
**Date:** October 22, 2020  
**Time:** 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM ET  
**Join ZoomGov Meeting**  
https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1613111399?pwd=NjNCR0svMFk3N1JtUWhZVUxOT3YxUT09  
**Meeting ID:** 161 311 1399  
**Passcode:** 6x+*.8bx  
**Dial by your location**  
+1 669 254 5252 US (San Jose)  
+1 646 828 7666 US (New York)  
**Meeting ID:** 161 311 1399  
**Passcode:** 73848065

## #2
**Title:** Reporting Results of Point of Care Testing for COVID-19: A New NHSN Pathway  
**Date:** October 23, 2020  
**Time:** 2:00 – 3:00 PM ET  
**Register in advance for this meeting:**  
https://cdc.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIsd2orzooHuSyPRJ5icjmzTkwOlSrC1k

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General information- guidance and requirements for COVID point-of-care testing:

All requests for PPE from DOH must be:

- Emailed to COVIDResourceRequests@state.sd.us,
- Faxed to 605.773.5942, or
- Called in to 605.773.3048 to ensure prioritization and coordination of requests.

- Do not duplicate your request by using all three means of communication.

- Any requests received through any other email or number will all be directed to email COVIDResourceRequests@state.sd.us OR call 605.773.3048 and requesting entities must provide information regarding their current facility status.