

COVID-19 Reporting Requirements for Minnesota Long-term Care Facilities

Three types of COVID-19 reporting are required for long-term care (LTC) facilities: aggregate case reporting, death reporting, and laboratory reporting. As of October 2024, aggregate COVID-19 case counts of staff no longer need to be reported to the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) or MDH. However, positive point-of-care results from either staff or residents performed at the facility should continue to be reported to SimpleReport or NHSN.

Skilled nursing facilities

- Report aggregate case counts to NHSN through the Respiratory Pathogens and Vaccination (RPV) Module.
- **If you conduct point-of-care (POC) tests** – report your positive test results to either SimpleReport or NHSN LTCF POC Test Results Reporting Tool.
- Report individual death information to MDH through the COVID-19 Long-Term Care Report Form.

- [NHSN LTCF COVID-19 POC Test Result Reporting Tool \(www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/covid19/lcfc/lcfc-poc-faq-508.pdf\)](https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/covid19/lcfc/lcfc-poc-faq-508.pdf)
- [Using SimpleReport \(www.simplereport.gov/using-simplereport/\)](https://www.simplereport.gov/using-simplereport/)
- [COVID-19 Long-Term Care Report Form \(redcap-c19.web.health.state.mn.us/redcap/surveys/?s=HH47NMERJHJX7CJF\)](https://redcap-c19.web.health.state.mn.us/redcap/surveys/?s=HH47NMERJHJX7CJF)

Assisted living facilities

- Report aggregate case counts to MDH through the COVID-19 Long-Term Care Report Form.
- **If you conduct POC tests** – report your positive test results to SimpleReport.
- Report individual death information to MDH through the COVID-19 Long-Term Care Report Form.

Aggregate case reporting

Skilled nursing facilities must report aggregate case counts of residents weekly to NHSN.

Instructions: [Respiratory Pathogens and Vaccination Module \(www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/weekly-covid-vac/index.html\)](https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/weekly-covid-vac/index.html).

Assisted living facilities must report aggregate case counts of residents weekly to MDH. No report is necessary if there were no resident cases in the facility for the previous week. Report using the COVID-19 Long-Term Care Report Form.

Laboratory reporting

Facilities with a CLIA certificate of waiver, that are conducting POC COVID-19 testing, are acting as a laboratory. Therefore, they are required by CLIA to report positive lab results.

- Positive COVID-19 lab results may be reported to MDH through SimpleReport or NHSN.
- Specific case-level information is required such as name, address, date of birth, etc.

Death reporting

All facility types must report deaths of residents who tested positive for COVID-19 in the previous 90 days to MDH. Case-level information is required. Deaths are reported through the COVID-19 Long-Term Care Report Form.

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