



LHA COVID-19 ALERT



LHA COVID-19 C-Suite Alert: ESF-8 Adds HHS-Required Data Fields to Portal; LDH to Submit Hospitals' Data Starting Tomorrow

Last week, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) [announced](#) changes to its process for collecting mandated daily COVID-19-related data from hospitals. The request included a small subset of additional data items that was mandated to be reported beginning last Wednesday and the remaining set of additional data fields listed in the [Guidance for Hospital Reporting Document](#) that must be reported beginning tomorrow, July 22.

The Louisiana Department of Health's (LDH) ESF-8 Portal was able to meet last week's data reporting requirement by adding four new fields to the COVID View in Resource Management, and **the Department will meet tomorrow's requirement with the remaining data fields being accessible in Resource Management effective at midnight tonight.**

HHS has given LDH permission to start collecting this data and submitting it to HHS on hospitals' behalf beginning tomorrow.

[Four new COVID Views](#) were added to compile and organize the additional mandated fields in the ESF-8 Portal:

- COVID Hospitals-1: Contains most of the original COVID fields in place since March
- COVID Hospitals-2: Contains the new data elements relating to adult admits by age group for both COVID-Positive and COVID-PUI (Pending). It also includes data about ED visits.
- COVID Hospitals-3: Contains most of the new data about staffing and supply shortages
- COVID Hospitals-4: Contains the remainder of the supply and inventory questions

LDH is currently evaluating some language changes and a requirement to add an additional field, so hospital staff members are reminded to monitor ESF-8 Portal messages, as LDH will be sending additional materials today and tomorrow.

Hospitals should contact their [Designated Regional Coordinators](#) if they have any questions regarding data reporting.

Note: This Alert is being distributed on July 21, 2020 to **hospital C-Suite personnel** in the LHA database.