The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) today announced that it is requesting certain data from hospitals to inform HHS’s distribution of its supply of remdesivir, a drug that has shown encouraging results in treating certain COVID-19 patients in early clinical trials. Specifically, HHS is requesting weekly data on the number of currently-hospitalized COVID-19 patients and, of those hospitalized, the number requiring placement in intensive care units. The initial data request is due by 7 p.m. CDT tomorrow, May 12. HHS indicated it intends to ask hospitals to report these data weekly, and that additional details are forthcoming later this week.

NOTE: This is a separate request from the daily data that Louisiana is providing to HHS on hospitals’ behalf.

HHS is asking hospitals to submit the data using its TeleTracking web portal. Registered users of TeleTracking — including those added during last month’s one-time HHS data request — should have received an email notice of this new data request early this morning.

See the AHA Special Bulletin for more details, including how hospitals can enter data. For issues with accessing the TeleTracking portal or questions about the data, contact TeleTracking Technical Support at 1-877-570-6903. If you have additional questions, contact LHA Vice President of Member Services & Quality Improvement Kenneth Alexander at 225-928-0026 or kalexander@lhaonline.org.

Note: This Alert is being distributed to hospital C-Suite personnel in the LHA database.

This and other local, state and national hospital-specific resources and guidance from trusted sources can be found on the LHA’s COVID-19 webpage.