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HHS Requests Weekly Data from Hospitals to Inform Remdesivir Distribution

First Data Deadline is Tomorrow, May 12, at 8 p.m. ET

The Issue

The 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 (ICUs). **The initial data are due by 8 p.m. ET tomorrow, May 12.** HHS indicated it intends to ask hospitals to report these data weekly, and that additional details are forthcoming later this week.

HHS asks hospitals to submit the data using its TeleTracking [web portal](#). This is the same portal HHS used last month for a [one-time data request](#) to inform its targeted distribution of funds to hospitals heavily impacted by COVID-19. TeleTracking also is one of the options hospitals can use to fulfill HHS's previous request for the [daily reporting](#) of bed capacity and utilization data. Registered users of TeleTracking – including those added during last month's one-time data request – should have received an email notice of this new data request early this morning.

How to Enter the Data

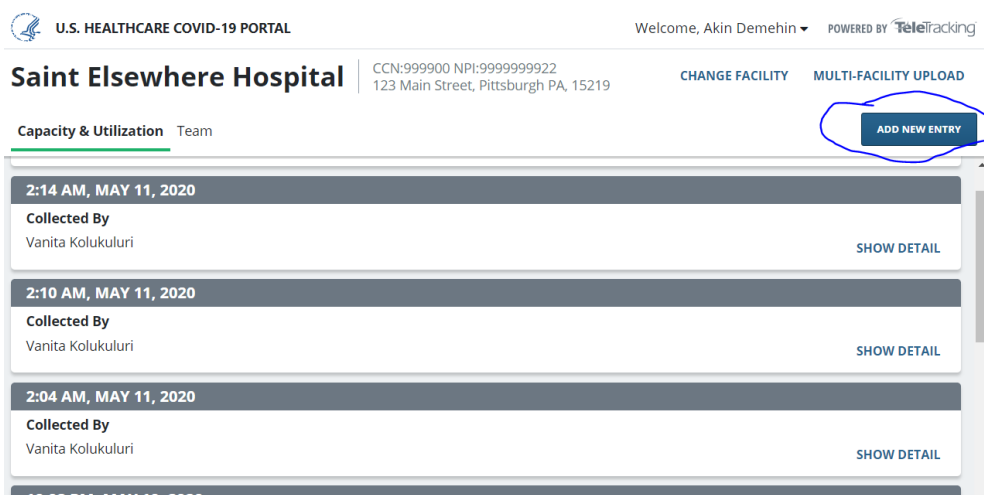
There is not a separate portion of the portal for entering these data. Rather, HHS is asking hospitals to use the same form used for daily reporting, and to report certain fields on that form. Those six data fields and definitions, drawn from the TeleTracking [website](#), are below:

Data Field	Definition
Overall COVID-19 Patients Confirmed	The number of patients anywhere in the facility that are currently positive with COVID-19. This includes the patients with laboratory-confirmed or clinically diagnosed with COVID-19. This does not include patients that were once positive but are now negative.
Overall COVID-19 Patients Under Investigation	The number of patients anywhere in the facility that are currently under investigation suspected to have COVID-19.
Overall COVID-19 Patients Using Ventilation	The current number of confirmed COVID-19 patients (laboratory-confirmed or clinically diagnosed) using ventilators.
Hospital Onset	Patients currently hospitalized in an inpatient bed (or anywhere in the hospital with inpatient order) with a new diagnosis of

	COVID-19 PUI, laboratory-confirmed COVID-19, or clinically diagnosed COVID-19, 14 or more days after hospital admission due to a condition other than COVID-19.
ICU COVID-19 Patients Confirmed	The current number of confirmed COVID-19 patients (laboratory-confirmed or clinically diagnosed) occupying ICU beds.
ICU COVID-19 Patients Under Investigation	The current number of patients under investigation for suspected COVID-19 occupying ICU beds.

Once logged into the TeleTracking portal, hospitals should do the following:

1. Click “Add new entry” in the upper right hand corner of the page:



2. Hospitals will then see a screen pop up with several data fields. Hospitals can either enter the data into the fields manually, or upload a .csv file with the appropriate data in it. **The fields HHS is requesting specific to remdesivir distribution are circled below.**

The screenshot shows a 'New Entry For Saint Elsewhere Hospital (CCN: 999900 NPI: 9999999922)' form. The 'COVID-19 Patients' section is circled in blue. It contains several data fields for Overall, ICU, ED/Overflow, and Admits in Last 24 Hours categories. Below this is the 'Bed Capacity' section.

COVID-19 Patients			
Overall	ICU	ED/Overflow	Admits in Last 24 Hours
52 Confirmed	459 Confirmed	27 Confirmed	10 Confirmed
150 Under Investigation	875 Under Investigation	10 Under Investigation	22 Under Investigation
456 Using Ventilation		15 Using Ventilation	
250 Hospital Onset			

Bed Capacity	
Overall	ICU
345 Occupied Inpatient	678 Occupied

For additional information on how to submit data, see the TeleTracking help [website](#).

Other Special Notes

- HHS has indicated that **hospitals that already use TeleTracking to submit all of their daily bed capacity and utilization data do not need to do anything differently for this remdesivir data collection**, other than ensuring their data have been submitted by 8 p.m. ET tomorrow.
- HHS has indicated that **all hospitals should report at least the six admissions and ICU data fields into TeleTracking once per week**, even if they are using another reporting mechanism (e.g., the National Healthcare Safety Network COVID-19 module) to report their daily bed tracking and utilization information.

Further Questions

For issues with accessing the TeleTracking portal or questions about the data, contact TeleTracking Technical Support at 1-877-570-6903.