

NHSN Application Time Stamps Updated to UTC

As of February 26, 2024, time stamps for data submission and modification in the NHSN application were updated to display Coordinated Universal Time (UTC).

What is UTC?

UTC is the international time standard. It has been implemented as part of ongoing NHSN system upgrades and modernization efforts.

All NHSN timestamps are displayed in the UTC Time Standard. UTC time is a time standard that is **not** adjusted for daylight saving and therefore **does not** change throughout the year. UTC serves as a uniform and universal reference to measure time across all time zones.

To convert UTC to Eastern Time:

- From the second Sunday in March to the first Sunday in November, subtract 4 hours from UTC to get Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).
- From the first Sunday in November to the second Sunday in March, subtract 5 hours from UTC to get Eastern Standard Time (EST).

UTC 3:59	UTC 4:59
Eastern Daylight Time 11:59pm	Eastern Standard Time 11:59pm

Or input the UTC calendar date and time into an [online UTC time converter](#).

What does this mean for my facility?

The new UTC timestamp will have **no impact** on data submission deadlines. Local time remains in place for data submission deadlines.

No action is needed from NHSN users.

Example of where NHSN users may see UTC timestamps in the application:

Note: In August 2024, text indicating that timestamps are displayed in UTC will be added in the NHSN application.

COVID-19 Vaccination Module form in the Healthcare Personnel Safety Component:

Healthcare Personnel COVID-19 Vaccination Cumulative Summary for Non-Long-Term Care Facilities

Date Created: 05/01/2024 7:24PM
Facility ID #: 10000
Location Type *: Hospital
Vaccination type *: COVID19
Facility CCN #: TOD
Week of Data Collection: 04/29/2024 - 05/05/2024
Date Last Modified: 05/01/2024 7:24PM

Cumulative Vaccination Coverage

	Healthcare Personnel (HCP) Categories					
	Employee HCP			Non-Employee HCP		
	* All Core HCP ^a	* All HCP ^b	* Employees (staff on facility payroll) ^c	* Licensed independent practitioners: Physicians, advanced practice nurses, & physician assistants ^d	* Adult students/trainees and volunteers ^e	* Other Contract Personnel ^f
1. * Number of HCP that were eligible to have worked at this healthcare facility for at least 1 day during the week of data collection	11	12	11	0	0	1
2. * Cumulative number of HCP in Question #1 who are up to date with COVID-19 vaccine(s).	0	0	0	0	0	0

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All facility information taken from an NHSN test facility for demonstration purposes.