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Subject: For action by NFPs for HAIs: TESSy can now receive aggregate, national, weekly, retrospective & prospective L TCF COVID data

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To: National Focal Points (NFPs) for Healthcare-Associated Infections

Cc: OCPs for Epidemiology for Healthcare-Associated Infections: COVID-19 – Long-Term Care Facilities (COVID-LTCF);

Dear colleagues,

As of 29 January 2021, TESSy can receive aggregate national weekly surveillance data of COVID-19 in long-term care facilities (LTCFs), both retrospectively and prospectively.

Many thanks to:

- All who provided national comments (see below) on the draft documents, including the ≥16 EU/EEA countries that participated in the technical webinar.
- ECDC colleagues in TESSy, who achieved this implementation a week earlier than scheduled.

The attached **surveillance protocol** contains full details.

- The aim of this surveillance activity is to enable EU/EEA countries to report their existing national LTCF COVID surveillance data, easily and regularly;

in order to enable ECDC to better support national preparedness, through timely reporting of national trends.

- The protocol specifies **2 recommended variables and 10 optional variables** on COVID-19. The mandatory variables are standard for TESSy (e.g. Country, DateUsedForStatistics, ... ).
- The protocol is attached to this email (as a pdf and a docx, for your convenience). The pdf will soon be uploaded to the list of protocols within 5.1.2a under 'Covid'.
- The audience for the surveillance protocol:
  1. OCPs in EU/EEA countries who collate surveillance data on COVID-19 in LTCFs, and/or prepare such data for reporting purposes.
  2. Those, in coordinating competent bodies in EU/EEA countries, who decide whether to report to TESSy, some or all of the variables specified in the metadata and reporting protocol.

The metadata: '**Metadata Set 47 Hotfix 3 (2021-01-29)**' is available online within 5.1.2a

Kind regards,  
ECDC HAI-Net

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**From:** 5.1.2a

**Sent:** 16 December 2020 18:46

**Subject:** For action by NFPs for HAIs by 13 Jan: national comments on simplified LTCF COVID reporting

*To: National Focal Points (NFPs) for Healthcare-Associated Infections*

*Cc: OCPs for Epidemiology for Healthcare-Associated Infections: COVID-19 – Long-Term Care Facilities (COVID-LTCF);*

*OCPs for Epidemiology for Healthcare-Associated Infections In Long-Term Care Facilities (HAI-HALT); OCPs for Epidemiology for COVID-19;*

*NFPs for Viral Respiratory Diseases (VPI Programme); National Coordinators of Coordinating Competent Bodies*

Dear National Focal Point for HAIs,

ECDC has drafted a much simpler option for countries to report COVID data related to Long-Term Care Facilities (LTCFs).

This new draft TESSy metadata, 'NCOVLTCFAGGR', is for **aggregate** national data.

**Please email** 5.1.2a **national comments in the attached excel sheet, before Wednesday 13 January 2021.**

**On 20 January 2021** from 14:00-16:00 CET, at an **ECDC technical webinar (technical WebEx details are below;** calendar invitation to follow), we will present how we have implemented your comments, for group discussion to inform finalisation of the metadata and surveillance protocol.

The metadata contains:

- 2x mandatory variables (data source; data week)
- 2x recommended variables (total cases; total fatal cases)
- **13x optional variables**, including 3x for influenza. **Several of these variables are quite similar, in order to help countries identify a compatible national variable.** We assume that no country will send all 13x, and that some countries will send none.

ECDC intends to launch this in TESSy by 5 February 2021. After that:

- Countries can upload historical and prospective data,
- Countries can upload weekly data each week, or less frequently (e.g. monthly reporting of weekly data),
- Countries can improve the data completeness of their historical data, by over-writing the previous upload,
- Countries will still have the option to upload facility-level (rather than aggregate-level) data to the metadata 'NCOVLTCF'.

The attached draft surveillance protocol contains a more full description. It also contains some questions for National reviewers, in comments boxes. **Please email any comments you have on the protocol, preferably as tracked changes, to [5.1.2e@ecdc.europa.eu](mailto:5.1.2e@ecdc.europa.eu), also by 13 January 2021.** We would prefer to receive your comments regarding the proposed variables within the excel sheet, because it asks, for each variable, in columns J—L:

Column J: "Does your national surveillance data contain data compatible with this current text, i.e. without making any changes?"

Column K: "What changes to this particular TESSy variable are required, to make it match your national data format?"

Column L: "What are the essential caveats for your data, for this variable, that ECDC must include in reports?"

If you have any other questions or suggestions, please do email them.

Best regards,  
ECDC HAI-Net

#### ECDC Technical Webinar: LTCF COVID-19 surveillance

Wednesday 20 January 2021

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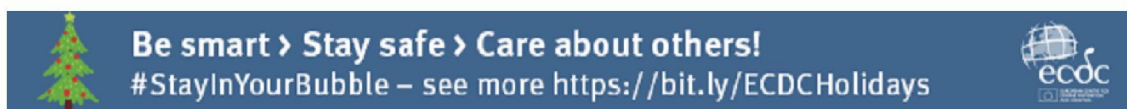
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