

NCDHHS COVID-19 Hospital Medical Surge Survey
Definition, Data Use FAQ

Question: Total Staffed Inpatient Capacity (all bed types)		
Definition:	Data Use:	FAQ:
Provide the numerical number of inpatient beds that are operational and staffed at the time the report is being completed. This includes the number of inpatient beds that are currently occupied by a patient PLUS the number of beds that are vacant.	Gives a view of how busy our inpatient capacity is regionally and statewide. Additionally can show based on the total number of operational beds by hospital how much capacity is still physically available for patients.	Q: The NHSN survey includes ALL HOSPITAL BEDS which includes inpatient and outpatient beds. Why are these questions being phrased differently? A: We are currently obtaining this information in several different ways which meets the federal requirements.
Question: Adult Intensive Care Unit Staffed Bed Capacity		
Definition:	Data Use:	FAQ:
Provide the numerical number of ADULT ICU beds that are operational and staffed at the time the report is being completed. This includes the number of Adult ICU beds that are currently occupied by a patient PLUS the number of Adult ICU beds that are vacant.	Gives a view of how busy our ADULT ICU capacity is regionally and statewide. Additionally can show based on the total Adult ICU operational beds by hospital how much Adult ICU capacity is still physically available for patients.	
Question: Emergency Department Average Census		
Definition:	Data Use:	FAQ:
Provide the numerical average daily emergency department census over a 24 hour period	Provides the average number of people that present to a given emergency department. Provides a baseline average ED census to compare to current ED census.	Q: What 24 hour period should be used for the census? A: You can pick whatever timeframe you are already tracking but if you have not previously tracked please use the 00:00-23:59 timeframe.
Question: Total Inpatient Census (all bed types)		
Definition:	Data Use:	FAQ:
Provide the numerical number of ALL inpatient beds that are currently occupied by a patient at the time of the report.	Provides a snapshot in time look at the number of inpatient beds that are occupied both regionally and statewide. Early indicator of concerns with bed capacity within a region or statewide.	Q: Does this include pediatrics & adults? A: YES Q: Should this include our observation beds? A: Only if you are using the observation beds as holding area for inpatient placements.
Question: Adult Intensive Care Unit Census		

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Provide the numerical number of all ADULT INTENSIVE CARE UNIT BEDS that are currently occupied by a patient at the time of the report.	Provides a snapshot in time look at the number of Adult ICU beds that are occupied both regionally and statewide. Early indicator of concerns with ICU bed capacity within a region or statewide.	Q: Should we include other types of ICU beds (e.g. pediatrics or neonatal) in this number? A: No - we are specifically using this to track adult ICU beds
Question: Number of Adult Intensive Care Unit - COVID-19 Positive Patients		
Definition:	Data Use:	FAQ:
Provide the numerical number of all Adult Intensive Care Unit occupied beds that have a COVID-19 positive patient in them at the time of the report.	Provides a breakdown of the COVID-19 hospitalizations that are needing ICU level care.	
Question: Total Behavioral Health Holds		
Definition:	Data Use:	FAQ:
Provide the numerical number of beds occupied by a Behavioral Health patient in beds that are NOT designated as a Behavioral Health Bed	Early indicator of increased number of behavioral health patients that may need proper placement. Shows potential surge capacity limitations for acute inpatient beds.	Q: Does this include our inpatient and outpatient beds (e.g. Emergency Department and Observation Units) that have behavioral health patients in them? A: Yes, this should include any beds that have a behavioral health patient waiting for placement in a designated behavioral health bed.
Question: Number of ALL patients currently on a ventilator (not specific to COVID-19)		
Definition:	Data Use:	FAQ:
Provide the total number of ALL patients in the hospital on a ventilator.	Provides number of ventilators within the hospital that are in use at a given time.	
Question: Number of ALL patients on ECMO (not specific to COVID-19)		
Definition:	Data Use:	FAQ:
Provide the total number of ALL patients in the hospital on ECMO.	Provides number of ECMO machines within the hospital that are in use at a given time.	
Question: Emergency Department Census		

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Total number of people that presented for care through the emergency department over a 24 hour period of time.	Provide indicators of how many individuals are currently presenting to emergency department. Early indicator of increased/decreased utilization.	Q: What 24 hour period should be used for the census? A: You can pick whatever timeframe you are already tracking but if you have not previously tracked please use the 00:00-23:59 timeframe.
Question: Approximate Number in ED Waiting Room		
Definition:	Data Use:	FAQ:
Approximate highest number of individuals that were in waiting room since last report.	Provide early indicator of increased utilization of emergency department.	Q: We don't track the number in our waiting room. A: Provide best guesstimate
Question: Number of COVID-19 Positive Patients In Hospital		
Definition:	Data Use:	FAQ:
Total number of COVID-19 positive in-patients being treated within the hospital.	Provides total number of the COVID-19 hospitalizations in the state.	Q: What about the patients that are in the Emergency Department that are positive for COVID-19? A: Only report those that are COVID-19 positive that are in an in-patient status. The outpatient COVID-19 patients are captured in a different way.
Question: Number of Patient's Under Investigation for COVID-19 In Hospital		
Definition:	Data Use:	FAQ:
Total number of inpatient Patient's Under Investigation (e.g. awaiting test results) for COVID-19 within the hospital.	Expected increase of Personal Protective Equipment for PUIs so provides ability to estimate burn rate more accurately.	
Question: Number of Additional Surge Beds Available		
Definition:	Data Use:	FAQ:
Number of additional beds above operational (or licensed) capacity that could be opened within the hospital if necessary.	Provides snapshot view of additional capacity above the staffed bed capacity and above the operational capacity for each hospital.	Q: What all should be considered surge beds? A: This should be based on your hospital surge plan but could include the following: Observation units that can be used for inpatient, converting private rooms to semi-private rooms, alternate care sites that could be staffed and utilized if needed etc.
Question: Number of Ventilators in Hospital		

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Total number of ventilators in the hospital.	Count of all ventilators within the hospitals regionally and statewide to help with allocation plan.	Q: Should we include our anesthesia machines in this number? A: Only if you have taken steps to convert them for use as a ventilator. Q: Should we include older ventilators that are not currently in use? A: If they have undergone biomed review and verified as useable ventilators then please include in this number of total ventilators in hospital.
Question: Number of Fatalities related to COVID-19 in past 24 hours		
Definition:	Data Use:	FAQ:
Provide the number of persons who have died in your hospital with a COVID-19 diagnosis within the past 24 hours.	Meets federal requirements for number of deaths within a hospital for COVID-19 positive patients.	Q: What 24 hour period should be used for the census? A: You can pick whatever timeframe you are already tracking but if you have not previously tracked please use the 00:00-23:59 timeframe.
Question: Number of vacant spaces for adult remains in your hospital morgue		
Definition:	Data Use:	FAQ:
How many additional spaces are available in your hospital morgue for adult remains?	Being monitored regionally and statewide for morgue capacity issues.	Q: Do we need to provide the twice weekly morgue capacity survey that has been sent? A: No these questions will replace that survey and are being provided to Public Health. The morgue survey will still be sent to county partners to determine non-hospital morgue capacity.
Question: Does your hospital have COVID-19 laboratory capability? Yes or No		

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Yes would indicate that you are able to process the lab samples within your hospital laboratory. No would indicate that you are collecting samples to be sent to an outside lab.	Provides the number of hospitals in the state that can process COVID-19 lab samples within their hospital.	
Question: Number of COVID-19 lab tests ordered in past 24 hours		
Definition:	Data Use:	FAQ:
This is the total number of COVID-19 lab tests ordered by a physician in your hospital (to include both inpatient and outpatient) regardless of where the sample is processed (e.g. within your hospital lab (if applicable) and outside your hospital lab (e.g. Quest, LabCorp, SLPH, etc.)	Provides total number of COVID-19 lab tests being ordered by your hospital regardless of the lab processing the samples.	
Question: Number of COVID-19 lab tests performed for in hospital lab during past 24 hours		
Definition:	Data Use:	FAQ:
Total number of lab samples being processed by your hospital laboratory regardless of who ordered test.	Provides total number of labs samples being processed by hospital laboratory.	
Question: Number of COVID-19 positive results in past 24 hours		
Definition:	Data Use:	FAQ:
Total number of positive results your hospital laboratory has reported in past 24 hours regardless of who ordered the tests.	Provides total number of positive lab results being processed by hospital laboratory.	