



COVID-19 AUTHORIZED SUBMITTER REPORTING CERTIFICATION

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Dear Dr. Shah,

This letter certifies that Washington has submitted a validated file for multiple hospitals using one of the approved reporting options to report COVID-19 information to the federal government at the required frequency and required amount of detail as specified in the January 12th update of the [Guidance for Hospital Reporting and FAQ](#).

Data on daily hospital capacity, hospitalization, resource utilization, and diagnostic laboratory testing data are used for the national public health emergency response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including for prioritization and allocation of critical resources across the Nation. These data and resulting analyses support the White House Coronavirus Task Force, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) National Response Coordination Center.

Per Health and Human Services' [Guidance for Hospital Reporting and FAQs](#), health IT vendors or other third parties may assume federal reporting responsibilities for hospitals to collect COVID-19 data to reduce reporting burden for the hospitals.

Washington has been certified as reporting all required fields on behalf of all its hospitals. This letter authorizes Washington to relieve individual hospitals in their area of reporting the required COVID-19 hospital capacity and hospitalization data (FAQ 1 – 25, 33-38) and Supply Data (FAQ 26 – 32). This certification does not alter reporting requirements for the facilities, but enables the health IT vendor or other third party to report on their behalf. Additionally, this reporting process does not replace requirements for facilities to adhere to local and state public health reporting requirements, including reporting outbreaks to public health authorities where mandated.

Please note this certificate and any waivers that result from it are conditional upon continued compliance with the reporting frequency, completeness, and format. If the reporting frequency, completeness of data elements or format no longer meet the requirements, this certification and any associated waivers may be revoked and Washington must be re-certified.

Submitted COVID-19 data at the state, county, territory and facility level will be managed and consolidated into HHS' COVID-19 tracking system, HHS Protect. Access to HHS Protect will be provided to States and their designated agents for viewing available data.



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Sincerely,

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