

Change Memo for
“The National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN)”
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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion (DHQP) requests a nonmaterial/non-substantive of the currently approved Information Collection Request: “National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) (OMB Control No. 0920-0666).”

The CDC seeks to update seven data collection instruments from the NHSN Patient Safety Component. These forms will be updated to include an optional field for the facility to indicate whether the patient has suspected or confirmed COVID-19. NHSN is adding this field to help CDC determine potential association of healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) with COVID-19 and patient outcomes. Many facilities are currently reporting this information as a comment and/or in a custom field for their own facility use. Adding fields that specifically request information about COVID-19 presence will enable consistent data analysis in NHSN for facilities and for CDC’s use. Because facilities are already collecting information on COVID-19, we estimate the burden to be nominal and have therefore added one additional minute to each form.

Type of Respondent	Form Name	No. of Respondents	No. Responses per Respondent	Avg. Burden per response (in hrs.)	Total Burden (in hrs.)	Change in Burden (in hrs.)
Microbiologist (IP)	57.108 Primary Bloodstream Infection	5,775	5	39/60	18,769	18,288
Microbiologist (IP)	57.111 Pneumonia (PNEU)	1,800	30	31/60	27,900	27,000
Microbiologist (IP)	57.112 Ventilator Associated Event	5,500	5	29/60	13,292	12,833
Microbiologist (IP)	57.113 Pediatric Ventilator Associated Event	334	120	31/60	20,708	20,040
Microbiologist (IP)	57.114 Urinary Tract Infection	5,500	5	21/60	9,625	9,167
Microbiologist (IP)	57.115 Custom Event	600	91	36/60	32,760	31,850
Microbiologist (IP)	57.120 Surgical Site Infection	4,500	11	36/60	29,700	28,875

The overall burden for this package approved on December 2, 2020 was 3,113,631 hours. These changes represent an overall burden increase of 4,701 hours for a new total of 3,118,332 hours for the package.