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Dear Division of Transfusion Medicine at Johns Hopkins Hospital,

Thank you for your thoughtful feedback and participation. As of August 2025, only 385 of approximately 4,000 eligible transfusing facilities in the United States have activated the module through the NHSN platform. Of these, far fewer (104) have submitted data to the module within the last year. Furthermore, since 2014, CDC has separately investigated multiple instances of transfusion-transmitted infections, including polymicrobial contamination of platelets and arboviral infection transmissions that were not captured via the Hemovigilance Module. CDC is working to ensure that transfusion-transmitted infections are systematically captured nationally. Through discussions with external stakeholders and via CDC evaluation efforts, CDC determined that healthcare facilities were not participating in the Hemovigilance Module due to the substantial time and effort required to comply with the module's current protocol. To encourage participation and ensure that transfusion-related reactions of public health importance are being captured by this surveillance system, CDC is proposing steps to reduce burden while enhancing the likelihood of receiving important surveillance data related to the safety of the blood supply. The archived protocol will continue to be publicly available and will contain definitions for all 12 adverse reactions currently reportable to the Hemovigilance Module.

Thank you for your feedback on these changes.

Sincerely,
NHSN Hemovigilance Team