

Washington State Department of Health

HEALTHCARE-ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS REPORTING REQUIREMENTS



Washington State law requires hospitals to report certain healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) to the Department of Health via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)'s National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN). Revised Code of Washington [RCW 43.70.056](#) and Washington Administrative Code [WAC 246-440-100](#) establish HAI reporting requirements for hospitals licensed by the Department of Health.

Hospitals that are reimbursed for care by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) are required to report HAIs and patient safety measures to CMS and the CDC. Beginning January 1, 2020, Washington State Department of Health will adopt the same reporting requirements as CMS. The following table shows Washington requirements for inpatient hospitals.

INPATIENT HOSPITAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Hospital Type	Reporting Requirement	Reporting Specifications
Acute Care Hospital	Central line-associated blood stream infection	Adult, pediatric and neonatal intensive care units, medical, surgical, and medical/surgical wards
	Catheter-associated urinary tract infection	Adult and pediatric intensive care units, medical, surgical, and medical/surgical wards
	Surgical site infection – colon procedure	Inpatient procedures
	Surgical site infection – abdominal hysterectomy procedure	Inpatient procedures
	MRSA bacteremia LabID Event	Facility-wide Inpatient (FacWideIn)
	<i>Clostridioides</i> (FKA <i>Clostridium</i>) <i>difficile</i> LabID Event	Facility-wide Inpatient (FacWideIn)
	Healthcare personnel Flu Vaccination	All inpatient healthcare personnel
Cancer Hospital	Central line-associated blood stream infection	All bedded inpatient locations
	Catheter-associated urinary tract infection	All bedded inpatient locations
	Surgical site infection – colon procedure	Inpatient procedures
	Surgical site infection – abdominal hysterectomy procedure	Inpatient procedures
	MRSA bacteremia LabID Event	Facility-wide Inpatient (FacWideIn)
	<i>Clostridioides</i> (FKA <i>Clostridium</i>) <i>difficile</i> LabID Event	Facility-wide Inpatient (FacWideIn)
	Healthcare personnel influenza vaccination	All inpatient healthcare personnel
Inpatient Rehab Hospital	Catheter-associated urinary tract infection	All adult and pediatric inpatient rehabilitation locations
	<i>Clostridioides</i> (FKA <i>Clostridium</i>) <i>difficile</i> LabID Event	Facility-wide Inpatient (FacWideIn)
	Healthcare personnel Flu Vaccination	All inpatient healthcare personnel
Critical Access Hospital	NHSN annual hospital survey	
	Healthcare personnel influenza vaccination	All inpatient healthcare personnel
	Central line-associated blood stream infection	Optional
	Catheter-associated urinary tract infection	Optional
	Surgical site infection – colon procedure	Optional
	Surgical site infection – abdominal hysterectomy procedure	Optional
	MRSA bacteremia LabID Event	Optional
	<i>Clostridioides</i> (FKA <i>Clostridium</i>) <i>difficile</i> LabID Event	Optional

ADDITIONAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

- Mandatory outbreak reporting: Healthcare facilities and providers are required to report outbreaks of healthcare-associated infections including multidrug-resistant organisms of public health significance and common source outbreaks.
- Facilities may participate in additional programs with reporting requirements not reflected here. Facilities should report any measures that are found to be significant according to their facility risk assessment
- Washington State requirements match 2019 CMS NHSN reporting requirements. For current CMS NHSN reporting requirements visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/cms/cms-reporting-requirements.pdf>