



We would like to invite you to apply for in-person attendance at the CDC NHSN training course “**Accurate Use of the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) for Healthcare-associated Infection Surveillance 2019**” to be held March 25 – 29, 2019 at the CDC Global Communications Center in Atlanta, GA. This course is intended for infection preventionists and hospital epidemiologists using the Patient Safety Component and Outpatient Procedure Component, as well as staff from Health Innovation and Improvement Networks, Health Departments, and others interested in learning more about NHSN HAI surveillance. **Note that the application to register will close at 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, February 5, 2019.**

The training will feature presentations on the general changes for NHSN Patient Safety Component surveillance and provide participants the information and tools necessary to identify, report, and analyze Ventilator-associated Events (VAE), Pediatric Ventilator-associated Events (PedVAE), Catheter-associated Urinary Tract Infections (CAUTI), Central Line-associated Blood Stream Infections (CLABSI), Secondary Bloodstream Infection (BSI) and Site-Specific Infections, Surgical Site Infections (SSI), MRSA Bacteremia and *C. difficile* LabID events. Additionally, the course will feature presentations on validation of healthcare-associated infection data and data quality, reporting and analysis of antibiotic use and resistance data, the Outpatient Procedure Component (OPC), and information on the upcoming NHSN Neonatal Component. Subject matter experts will provide interactive case studies for each infection/event type. The course provides participants with the opportunity to gain a better understanding of their NHSN surveillance data and how these data can be used for prevention. Finally, the course will provide a forum for this community of practitioners to gather together to share experiences and network with peers and new colleagues.

Please note that submitting an application does not guarantee a seat at the training. We expect applications for the course to exceed seating capacity. Because we want to ensure a good representation and fair distribution of NHSN user types, some reservations will be set aside for HIIN participation as well as one space per state/territory health department. The remaining slots will be randomly filled from the applicants. Please note that the lottery system of participant selection ensures that all registrants have an equal opportunity to be selected to attend, regardless of when they apply during the time registration is open.

**To review the agenda and apply for in-person attendance, please visit:**

<https://www.regonline.com/NHSN2019>

Applicants will be notified by email of their status. Lodging recommendations and other registration details will be included in your confirmation packet.

All applications will be retained, and in the event of a cancellation, an applicant will be drawn at random and notified of selection. Please do not make travel plans unless notified of acceptance

into the course and please refrain from emailing NHSN to check on the status of your application.

There is no registration fee for the course. However, attendees will be responsible for all travel expenses to include transportation (including shuttles), lodging, and the cost of food and beverages.

For those unable to attend the training in person, the course and associated materials will be available via live webstreaming. In addition, the sessions will be accessible and archived on the NHSN website for future viewing. A separate email will be sent with details for how to view the live webstream. No registration for webstream viewing is required.

Continuing education is pending for this activity. Please see final announcements for details.

We look forward to seeing you in Atlanta in March, or providing “virtual” training to those joining us by webstream!

The NHSN Team