

Healthcare-Associated Infections Reporting via NHSN

Following regulation changes made at the end of 2013 to 7 AAC 27.019, the Alaska Section of Epidemiology (SOE) will have the right to view reports made by facilities bound by Centers for Medicaid and Medicare rules concerning certain healthcare-associated infections (HAIs). Facilities are required to use the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) to report HAIs.

Hospitals do *not* need to report HAIs to SOE. Hospitals, infection preventionists, and associated staff are expected to continue to follow NHSN rules and conventions. Hospitals should work with SOE staff to confer viewing rights.

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Immunization Administration Data via VacTrAK

As of December 29, 2013, health care providers are required to report all administered immunizations to VacTrAK, the State of Alaska Immunization Information System, *within 14 days of vaccine administration* (7 AAC 27.650).

The new reporting requirement is applicable for all vaccines administered, including state-supplied and privately-purchased vaccine.

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