Reporting Guidelines for Hospitals

Over the past two seasons, we have aligned FluSafe reporting with the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) reporting for inpatient prospective-payment system (IPPS) hospitals. It is our understanding that beginning in the 2015-16 critical access hospitals (CAHs) will also report using the NHSN. We understand that this measure doesn’t capture every health care worker/personnel (HCP) moving through the facility. While it is important to vaccinate any person in your facility who may introduce influenza, we recognize that reporting for FluSafe must be as streamlined as possible and chose to align with this portion of the NHSN. If you have questions about NHSN reporting, please see http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/. The MDH Immunization program is not affiliated with the NHSN, we have only matched FluSafe to its guidelines to make reporting more consistent.

FluSafe’s employee definition will be exactly consistent with denominator category ‘a’ from the NHSN/CMS Healthcare worker vaccination reporting module.

A. Employees: This includes all persons who receive a direct paycheck from the reporting facility (i.e., on the facility’s payroll), regardless of clinical responsibility or patient contact.

As consistent with NHSN/CMS, include those employees who are physically in the facility for at least 1 working day between October 1 and March 31.

If your facility would like to use the FluSafe reports to assist with tracking the other categories, please upload a separate spreadsheet for each category and label it clearly. We prefer to receive these as separate Excel workbooks.
In order for MIIC to generate accurate reports, it is important that you use the spreadsheet correctly. All instructions regarding uploading data and generating reports are found here: [http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/diseases/flu/vaccine/vaxhcw/flusafe/participate.html](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/diseases/flu/vaccine/vaxhcw/flusafe/participate.html)

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