

DICON Weekly Digest: 1/4/2021

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NEW DICON Program:

DICON is pleased to announce a new service: the [DICON Remote Surveillance Program](#). This program will allow for remote, comprehensive surveillance activities for HAIs, epidemiologically significant organisms, and submission of data to NHSN. Contact your local DICON IP liaison for further information on how we can assist with remote surveillance services.

COVID-19 Tracker & Statistics:

Duke University Dashboard (updated weekly) [here](#).

UNC Health Dashboard (updated daily) [here](#).

NC DPH Dashboard (updated daily) [here](#).

SC DPH Dashboard (updated daily) [here](#).

GA DPH Dashboard (updated weekly) [here](#).

VA DPH Dashboard (updated daily) [here](#).

WV DPH Dashboard (updated daily) [here](#).

FL DPH Dashboard (updated daily) [here](#).

Johns Hopkins Global Dashboard (updated daily) [here](#).

COVID-19 Guidance & Resources:

DICON website [here](#).

CDC website [here](#).

COVID-19 Vaccine Tracker:

NYT Vaccine Tracker [here](#).

NHSN:

- [Surveillance for Weekly HCP COVID-19 Vaccination](#) training slides, data collection forms, and other supporting materials
- **Don't forget:** January 29, 2021 is the deadline for NHSN data submission. Please work with your DICON liaison to make sure your data is up to date and ready to be submitted.
- December 2020 NHSN [Newsletter](#) with a few definition changes

CDC:

- Current issue of [MMWR](#) with highlighted articles
 - [Implications of Shortened Quarantine Among Household Contacts of Index Patients with Confirmed SARS-CoV-2 Infection](#)
 - [The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' Interim Recommendation for Use of Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
 - [The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' Updated Interim Recommendation for Allocation of COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
 - [COVID-19 Stats: COVID-19 Incidence, by Age Group — United States, March 1–November 14, 2020](#)
- Updates on [New COVID-19 Variants](#) and [Emerging SARS-CoV-2 Variants](#)

FDA:

- Updates made to the list of [Medical Device Shortages During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency](#)

APIC:

[APIC Requests CMS Waive HAI Reporting and Penalties](#). APIC joined with the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA) and the Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists (SIDP) to request that CMS continue to waive HAI reporting requirements under Medicare payment programs during the COVID-19 public health emergency. The organizations also requested that any HAI data that is reported to NHSN from Q4 2019 through the end of the public health emergency not be used for Medicare payment determination in CMS value-based purchasing and HAC Reduction programs.

Interesting Literature for Infection Prevention:

- From the Duke University Hospital Team: [The 12 Days of COVID Holiday Classic Remix](#)

Do you have a suggestion for a new FAQ, position statement, or newsletter?

Reach out [here](#) or discuss with your DICON IP liaison.