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Please see the note below regarding the COVID-19 reporting and WHAIC dashboard updates.

Thanks,  
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Good morning,

On April 30, 2024, the Wisconsin Hospital Association Information Center (WHAIC) will be discontinuing updates to the WHAIC COVID-19 Situational Dashboard, as the federally mandated hospital COVID-19 data reporting that populated the Dashboard is also ending on April 30. This marks an end of an important WHA Covid response resource that has had over 1.7 million visits since its creation in April 2020. Although the WHAIC COVID-19 Dashboard will no longer be updated, it will continue to be accessible on WHAIC's [website](#) for historical reference.

Despite the end of the federal data reporting mandate, WHA is expecting that the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) will be requesting that hospitals statewide continue voluntarily submitting no longer mandated data elements to the EMResource system, daily. This would be a change from pre-pandemic data reporting protocols to EMResource, in which data submission to, and use of EMResource, were largely driven through regional considerations and discussions at each of the seven Healthcare Emergency Readiness Coalition (HERC) Regions, organized to meet regional emergency preparedness needs.

In addition, in the recent hospital IPPS proposed rule for FY 2025, which is still open for public comment, CMS is proposing that beginning on October 1, 2024, hospitals must report yet to be finalized data elements, to the federal government, *once per week*, on confirmed infections of COVID-19, influenza and respiratory syntactical virus among hospitalized patients, hospital capacity and limited patient demographic information, including age.

Given these impending changes at the federal level and being mindful of the growing data submission burdens across health care, WHA is waiting for further details before commenting on the need for continuing statewide daily voluntary reporting by hospitals. WHA is aware that HERCs will continue to utilize EMResource to manage events as needed and encourages hospitals to continue participating in their regional HERCs and to submit data and utilize EMResource to best support the emergency preparedness needs of their organization and the communities they serve.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks. az

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