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HAI Data Validation for Acute Care Hospitals to Improve HAI Surveillance FAQ's

Q: Where do I register for one of the Validation Webinars?

A: Each hospital IP contact received an email with instructions for registering. Go to the link in the email and register for one of the four sessions. You may be asked to establish an account if you are new to the CDPH registration system. One person can register for a group, but please know that the CEU is only provided to the registrant. Every person must register if CEU is desired.

Q: Where can I find the Validation Workbook? And when will it be available?

A: The Validation Workbook will be made available on the CDPH website after the first Webinar on August 10. An email notification will be sent to all hospital contacts.

Q: How often does CDPH perform these validations?

A: The last time CDPH performed a validation of surveillance and reporting in acute care hospitals was in 2014-15. Data validation is a key component of a quality HAI surveillance program which is why CDPH provides periodic data validation support to acute care hospitals.

Q: Is the HAI Validation Program different or separate from CALHEART?

A: The purpose of CALHEART is to validate the data in NHSN and identify outliers whereas this validation project is to help hospitals assess completeness of surveillance and reporting (HAI case-finding for CDI, CLABSI, MRSA/VRE bloodstream infections and SSIs).

Q: When is the deadline for submitting the validation results to the online survey tool?

A: The deadline is October 14 for completing the validation and submitting the results. The link to the online survey tool for submitting results (Survey Monkey) will be available starting August 10.

Note: For additional questions regarding the validation process, please contact the HAI program by emailing: HAIProgram@cdph.ca.gov