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**ALISA: NH #2020-039**  
**QSO 20-32-NH: RELEASE OF COVID-19 NURSING HOME DATA, AND**  
**QSO 20-33-NH: POSTING OF NURSING HOME INSPECTIONS**

Dear Nursing Facility/Home Administrator

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, in March of this year, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) prioritized inspections to allow surveyors to focus efforts on investigating the most serious health and safety threats, including infection control concerns. Certain survey activities were suspended.

On May 8, 2020, new reporting requirements were implemented. Currently, nursing homes are required to report COVID-19 related facility data to the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) at least once every seven days.

In [QSO-20-32-NH](#), CMS announced they are releasing data submitted to NHSN to the public. There are limitations to the data at this time due to the short period of data collection.

- The data will be posted beginning June 4, 2020 in the “Spotlight” section of the [Nursing Home Compare](#) home page.
- The information will also be available at <https://data.cms.gov/Covid19-nursing-home-data>.

In [QSO-20-33-NH](#), CMS announced they are posting the results of surveys and complaint investigations conducted on or after March 4, 2020.

- This information will be posted on June 4, 2020 on the [Nursing Home Compare](#) home page, in the “Spotlight” section and will be updated on a monthly basis.
- While the inspection results will be posted publicly, the results will not be used to calculate a nursing home’s health inspection star rating. The nursing home inspection domain is being held constant temporarily due to the prioritization and suspension of some surveys.

Thank you for your continued commitment to resident health and safety. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Herke, Nursing Home Policy Program Manager, at (509) 209-3088 or [lisa.herke@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:lisa.herke@dshs.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

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