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Ending the COVID-19 Patient and Bed  
Summary Survey

Dear Chief Executive Officers:

Since the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department of Health (“Department”) has required daily reporting from hospitals via the COVID-19 Patient and Bed Summary survey. As a result of Governor Hochul’s Health Data Modernization initiative, the Department is pleased to announce a decrease in reporting via HERDS for hospitals.

At the end of August, 2025 the Department completed the build out of Hospital Capacity Direct Access. As a result of this significant data automation effort, three changes will be implemented:

1. End of daily reporting via the COVID-19 Patient and Bed Summary Survey in HERDS
2. Transition of COVID patient counts from the COVID-19 Patient and Bed Summary Survey to the weekly Flu and RSV survey in HERDS, and modified to match with the format of that survey, which will continue until further notice.
3. Transition of questions about psychiatric patients currently contained in the COVID-19 Patient and Bed Summary Survey to a new Office of Mental Health (OMH) Hospital Information Survey, which will continue daily until further notice.

The Department will also publish a new data dictionary appendix in Hospital Capacity Direct Access to begin the process of automating data collected through the Flu/RSV/COVID-19 survey and the OMH survey. Once integration of this build out is complete, both surveys will be eliminated.

Additional timing, direction and information will follow from the Department via IHANS. The Department will continue to study reduced reporting burdens including manual reporting and strategize with hospital sector representatives to identify opportunities for innovation.

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