



Good afternoon,

On Monday, WHAIC sent the March 2020 Survey Bulletin addressing the survey deadlines during the COVID-19 pandemic. This crisis is taking a toll on all of us and causing uncertainty about the future. Priorities have shifted to one priority only – fighting this virus.

Due to extenuating circumstances, some hospitals are uncertain about the completion of their surveys even with the extended deadline of June 1. For hospitals that are unable to meet the deadline because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we will implement a catastrophic delay.

To request a catastrophic delay:

- Email whainfocenter@wha.org and copy sstaudenmayer@wha.org
- Subject: Catastrophic Delay – Hospital Name and Facility ID or Hospital System
- Body: Explain, **in detail**, the reason for the delay and why your hospital needs this additional time.

We will address the facility requests as they come in and if approved, we will respond with the delayed timeline.

If your hospital is in an area where the number of cases is small, we ask that you focus on completing your surveys as soon as possible and follow the current timelines as listed.

- 5/1 - December FYE Standard Deadline
- 6/1 – December FYE Extended Deadline
- 6/1 – Cost Reports Due for July-December FYE

Although, saving lives is most important, your data has been useful to lawmakers and others throughout the state during this crisis. For more information regarding the statutory obligations and deadlines, please refer to [DHS 120.12](#).

Thank you to all of you for your hard work during this difficult time.

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