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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you very much for the information which will be followed up further by colleagues.

Practically regarding the use of EpiPulse: from your screen shot, I understand that in EpiPulse you have selected 'Events, Forum, & News' under the section 'Report'.

If you select 'Events, Forum, & News' under the section 'Explore', you may find the item 2021-ARH-00003.

Selecting this should give you the option to 'Create/update comment'. The first time you select this button, you will create a comment (row). Here you will, apart from describing your information, also be able to add an attachment. When you select the same button 'Create/update comment' again in the future, you will be able to edit the previous comment. We propose then, rather than to 'Start over' to simply add a line 'Update ddmmyyy: ...'.

Please do not hesitate to write to epipulse@ecdc.europa.eu should you encounter further practical difficulties to enter the information.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED] on behalf of EpiPulse team

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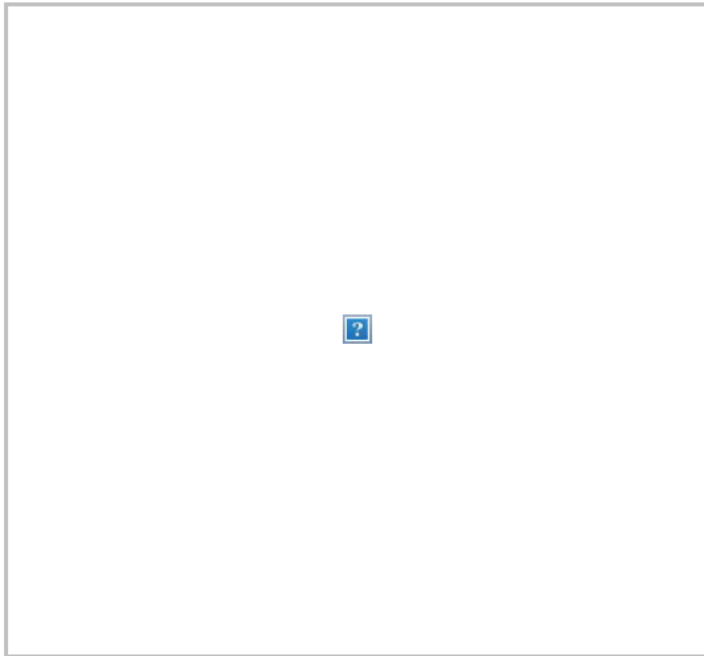
Dear [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

In order to perform on-depth study of outbreaks of COVID-19 infections in LTCF we have organized a network with representatives from the regional governments. We have adapted the "ECDC LTCF reporting protocol" to our national definitions and our national protocol is already finished. This week the implementation of this study starts up. The Regions will send their final reports to the national level 4 weeks after the start of the outbreak, which we will send to ECDC as soon as they are available.

I have requested information in relation to the outbreaks that you indicate above.

Regarding the Valencia outbreak, I can report initial information, but I have some problems notifying in EpiPulse.

In the "ECDC LTCF reporting protocol", it is recommend "Completed forms should be uploaded to the secure ECDC platform EPIS-AMR-HAI in the Urgent Inquiry (UI) area named 'Outbreaks of breakthrough COVID-19 infections in long-term care facilities', now in EpiPulse, right?. But when I open the EpiPulse platform, I cannot find the right site where upload the information. I select events and this is the screenshot:



Perhaps I don't have the adequate permissions?

Kind regards

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Asunto: For action: Spain: breakthrough SARS-CoV-2 outbreaks in LTCFs

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Dear Colleagues in Spain,

During its routine epidemic intelligence screening ECDC identified a number of SARS-CoV-2 outbreaks in Spanish long-term care facilities (LTCFs) with complete vaccination coverage among LTCF residents, reported by media sources:

[Un brote de 57 contagios en una residencia de la población valenciana de Navarrés | Comunidad Valenciana | EL PAÍS \(elpais.com\)](#)

[8 residencias de Madrid suspenden las visitas por brotes de coronavirus \(antena3.com\)](#)

Long-term care facilities indeed remain vulnerable sites for SARS-CoV-2 introduction and spread, especially due to the circulation of SARS-CoV-2 variants and considering the possible waning immunity in this population

which was often vaccinated first.

We wanted to follow up on this event to see if we might learn more from you and therefore we would like to know if you have considered reporting the cases through the [ECDC LTCF reporting protocol](#) via [EpiPulse](#) and/or notifying it via EWRS.

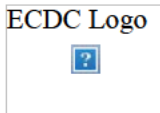
We understand that not all the information might be available to you at this time, but we would be grateful if you could report any information that you may have.

We know these are busy times and we thank you very much in advance for your shared information. We look forward to hearing from you.

Please do let us know if you would prefer to have a short teleconference with us to discuss about the points above and/or to explore how ECDC could support you in the investigation, reporting and response options.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
on behalf of the ECDC PHE Technical team

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