

Instructions to obtain SAMS Level-3 Access

1. Have two [forms of identification](https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/sams/sams-id-508.pdf) [<https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/sams/sams-id-508.pdf>] ready to submit
2. Log into SAMS at <https://sams.cdc.gov> and use the *Update Profile* menu option on the left side of the page. Confirm that your home mailing address is correct and current within your SAMS profile.
3. Ensure that your **name** and **address** match how it appears on your submitted identification (such as your state issued driver's license).
4. Once you submit your identification, SAMS must confirm your identity. Once confirmed, SAMS will send you a "Welcome to SAMS" email as well as a SAMS Grid Card mailed to your residential/home address via USPS mail. **The SAMS Grid Card permits LEVEL-3 access to NHSN.**
5. After receiving your SAMS grid card via USPS mail, you must login to SAMS at <https://sams.cdc.gov>. Underneath the National Healthcare Safety Network System header select "NHSN Reporting" link. NOTE: Do NOT access NHSN LTC Reporting as this option will direct you back to Level-1 security.

Alternatively, facilities can email nhsn@cdc.gov with the subject line "Enhancing Data Security" to begin upgrading their SAMS access to use this Pathway.

More information on this new reporting module is available [here](#). CDC will also be holding training webinars in the coming weeks.