



# Home Fire Campaign During COVID-19: Virtual Home Fire Safety Visit Reporting Guidance Disaster Cycle Services Job Tools Preparedness / Home Fire Campaign

## Purpose

This job tool outlines reporting requirements for the Home Fire Campaign (HFC) during the COVID-19 pandemic.

## How to Use This Tool

Review the content in this tool and familiarize yourself with reporting requirements and strategies for HFC and NSTA. Consult with your HFC Program Lead/ Regional Preparedness Manager for local guidance.

## Resources and Items Needed to Complete This Task

- Orientation and any additional region reporting instructions.
- Electronic device (computer, tablet, or phone)
- HFC Appointment Management SharePoint site or other locally developed appointment management system. Consult with your HFC Program Lead/ Regional Preparedness Manager for local guidance.

## HFC Reporting During COVID-19 Pandemic

<b>What to Report</b>	<p><b>All clients who participate in virtual education for the HFC should have all HFC services documented on a Service Acknowledgment Form.</b> This includes clients who receive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Modified services provided during National Sound the Alarm (See <i>HFC COVID-19 Virtual Home Fire Safety Visit Resources</i> in the <a href="#">Preparedness Program During COVID-19 Toolkit</a>) or</li><li>• HFC services provided through a fire department or other authorized partner</li></ul>
<b>How to Report</b>	<p>Service Acknowledgment Forms can be filled out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Digitally on a fillable PDF or</li><li>• Physically on a printed Service Acknowledgment Form.</li></ul> <p>(Note: Client signature requirement is temporarily suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Print the client name and then write/type “client consents” in the client signature field after client verifies the data collected.)</p> <p>Reporting for the Home Fire Campaign may be accessed by visiting <a href="http://homefirepreparedness.org">homefirepreparedness.org</a> and clicking the <b>Report Progress</b> button.</p>

<p><b>When to Report</b></p>	<p>Whenever possible, data entry should occur within 7 days of service delivery, which is the standard HFC reporting procedures.</p> <p>While there is some flexibility, data must be reported in a timely fashion. Some regions may centralize data entry, while others may have each educator/documenter complete data entry in the online reporting portal shortly after services are provided.</p> <p>Please consult with your regional Preparedness Program Manager/ HFC Program Lead for guidance.</p>
<p><b>Smoke Alarm Requests</b></p>	<p>Regions are encouraged to create a shared inbox to receive verified smoke alarm waitlist requests and Service Acknowledgment Forms for clients who have participated in virtual education.</p> <p>Regions should document smoke alarm requests and maintain a smoke alarm installation waitlist until the Red Cross and/or our partners are given approval to enter homes for HFC smoke alarm installations.</p> <p>(Note: See the <a href="#">DCS COVID-19 Compendium</a> for the latest updates on approved service delivery methods and updates related to the current status of partner and Red Cross led installation visits.)</p>

## Using the Reporting Portal

When entering data for HFC Virtual Home Fire Safety Visits into the reporting portal:

- For **Service Type**, select **Remote HFC Service Delivery**.

Service Type ✓

What type of service was provided to this client? \*

HFC In-Home Visit

Remote HFC Service Delivery

- If a client requests a smoke alarm:
  - Under **Does this client require additional follow-up...**, select **Yes**
  - Request a smoke alarm in the **Additional Notes** section.
  - The NHQ Preparedness team works with regions to deconflict duplicates that arise as a result of smoke alarm installations that occur at a later date due to COVID-19.

Does this client require additional follow-up due to Remote HFC Service Delivery? \*

*If you select yes, please specify what follow-up is needed in the Additional Notes field below.*

Yes  No

**Additional Notes**

Client (John Doe) requests to be added to the smoke alarm waitlist. I have documented John's contact info for appointment scheduling when it is safe for us to do installs again.

## National Sound the Alarm Reporting

In addition to standard reporting of *Service Acknowledgment Form* data, regions are asked to participate

in “Rapid Reporting” for National Sound the Alarm (NSTA). See *Home Fire Campaign (HFC) Reporting During COVID-19 Pandemic* section above. This is the same practice followed in recent years.

- **Due to expected delays in partner-led installation appointments, regions report the *number of households referred for smoke alarm installations for NSTA.***
- Rapid reporting of smoke alarm installations during NSTA 2021 is not required.
- We continue to use *Households Made Safer* as the primary reporting metric for NSTA.

Additional guidance on rapid reporting for NSTA coming soon.