



**CDC’s National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) has begun fielding the seventh wave of the biennial National Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Study (NPALS), formerly the National Study of Long-Term Care Providers (NSLTCP).**

We are asking directors that receive the 2024 NPALS packet to please complete and submit the questionnaire online over a safe and secure network as soon as possible, or by completing the hardcopy version of the questionnaire included in the questionnaire packet.

NCHS has contracted with RTI International, an independent, nonprofit research organization to collect the NPALS data; a dedicated survey team can answer questions about the survey at their toll-free phone number (855-500-1435). To download samples of the 2024 questionnaire and to learn more about the study, visit NCHS’ NPALS page: <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/npals/index.html>. To be informed of key milestones regarding the release of NPALS publications and data, join the Long-Term Care Listserv at [https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/products/nchs\\_listservs.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/products/nchs_listservs.htm).

NCHS uses this information to produce publicly available reports on the major long-term care services sectors including assisted living and other residential care communities, adult day services centers, home health agencies, nursing homes, hospices, inpatient rehabilitation facilities, and long-term care hospitals. Findings from previous survey waves can be accessed and downloaded at no cost here: <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/npals/study-cycles/index.html>.

NCHS thanks all that submitted their questionnaires in the previous survey waves. Your participation made it possible to provide these accurate and relevant findings to providers, policy makers, advocates, and researchers. The 2024 data collected will be kept confidential; NCHS has a long history of conducting surveys and is required by federal law to protect the privacy of the information it collects in its surveys.