



Important Update for CCRS and IRRS: COVID-19 Status Data Element

New data element for COVID-19 status at discharge

In light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the inherent risks in the long-term care (LTC) sector, CIHI's stakeholders have expressed a heightened interest in LTC data and in closing key data gaps. One data gap of interest is a resident's COVID-19 status on discharge from LTC.

In response, **CIHI will be implementing a new data element to collect information on a resident's COVID-19 status at time of discharge, effective for discharges as of October 1, 2020.** The new data element (COVID-19 Status) will be added to the discharge record (Continuing Care Reporting System, or CCRS) and to the discharge assessment and discharge tracking (Integrated interRAI Reporting System, or IRRS).

For more information, please refer to [Appendix A](#) at the end of this document.

We have made the specifications available to vendors, and many are working toward the implementation date. We suggest you connect with your vendor for an update (or with your provincial/territorial contact, if submissions are managed centrally in your jurisdiction).

Facilities in some jurisdictions may also receive provincial-/territorial-specific directives regarding implementation. Please follow provincial or territorial directives where applicable.

Upcoming information sessions

CIHI will host information sessions to review the background, intent and definitions of the new COVID-19 Status data element:

Tuesday, September 22: 12:30 to 1 p.m. ET

Join: <http://cihi.adobeconnect.com/cihicovid19infosession/>

Wednesday, September 23: 1:30 to 2 p.m. ET (French)

Join: <http://cihi.adobeconnect.com/iciscovid19infosession/>

Thursday, September 24: 10:30 to 11 a.m. ET

Join: <http://cihi.adobeconnect.com/cihicovid19infosession/>





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Registration is not required to join a session. Links to recordings of these sessions will be posted on CIHI's website following the events.

If you have any questions, please email specializedcare@cihi.ca.



Appendix A: COVID-19 Status data element — additional information

Element name: COVID-19 Status

Intent: To identify and document a person’s status at time of discharge, based on their last COVID-19 test.

Definitions

Positive test	Positive COVID-19 test result confirmed by laboratory results, regardless of severity of clinical signs or symptoms.
Negative test — no previous positive test	Negative COVID-19 test result, with no previous positive test result.
Resolved — recovered from condition	Negative COVID-19 test result after having had a confirmed positive COVID-19 test. OR Refer to your provincial guidelines for the most recent definition of a resolved case.
No results	Test was performed but results are either not available or test results are inconclusive. Person may be symptomatic or asymptomatic. Include presumed and suspected cases of COVID-19.
Not tested	No test was performed. Person may be symptomatic or asymptomatic. Include presumed and suspected cases of COVID-19.

Process: Review the clinical record. Collect information on the person’s COVID-19 status on discharge. Review information on the testing status in the last 92 days (for CCRS), the last 90 days (for IRRS) or since the last assessment. Document based on the last test result(s). The person’s record must include documentation indicating that testing has occurred, as well as the results of the testing. Code for the most appropriate response.

Coding: Code for the appropriate response from available documentation.

- 0 Positive test
- 1 Negative test — no previous positive test
- 2 Resolved — recovered from condition
- 3 No results
- 4 Not tested

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