

Patients (including healthcare personnel) with: cough (R05), fever >100.4 (R50.9), shortness of breath (R06.02)

- Within 14 days of symptom onset had close contact with a suspect or laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 patient, or
 - History of travel from affected geographic areas (see <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>)
- OR
- ≥ 65 years, or
 - Immunocompromised, or
 - Have chronic medical conditions, or
 - Requires hospitalization (lower respiratory illness, bronchitis, bronchiolitis, pneumonia, ARDS)

NO → Treat specific condition, as appropriate

YES → Influenza Test 87804

Rule other lower respiratory illness (bronchitis, bronchiolitis, pneumonia, ARDS)

- If patient severely immunocompromised or critically ill with respiratory symptoms, order respiratory viral panel

POSITIVE → Treat for Influenza

NEGATIVE →

Test for COVID-19 (ICD-10, U07.1)

- Public Health Lab (SARS-CoV2) U0001
- Commercial Lab (SARS-CoV-2/2019-nCov) U0002

NO → Treat specific condition, as appropriate

- Consider additional testing, including: pulse oxymetry, chest xray, CBC, mucus samples, step test, etc. as pertinent

Strongly Symptomatic Pending Result →

Mild Symptoms Pending Result →

Admit patient to isolation while waiting for test result

Patient may remain at residence on isolation while waiting for test result

Interim Guidance for Implementing Home Care of People Not Requiring Hospitalization for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-home-care.html>

Pneumonia
For a pneumonia case confirmed as due to the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19), assign codes J12.89, Other viral pneumonia, and B97.29, Other coronavirus as the cause of diseases classified elsewhere.

Acute Bronchitis
For a patient with acute bronchitis confirmed as due to COVID-19, assign codes J20.8, Acute bronchitis due to other specified organisms, and B97.29, Other coronavirus as the cause of diseases classified elsewhere. Bronchitis not otherwise specified (NOS) due to the COVID-19 should be coded using code J40, Bronchitis, not specified as acute or chronic; along with code B97.29, Other coronavirus as the cause of diseases classified elsewhere.

Lower Respiratory Infection
If the COVID-19 is documented as being associated with a lower respiratory infection, not otherwise specified (NOS), or an acute respiratory infection, NOS, this should be assigned with code J22, Unspecified acute lower respiratory infection, with code B97.29, Other coronavirus as the cause of diseases classified elsewhere. If the COVID-19 is documented as being associated with a respiratory infection, NOS, it would be appropriate to assign code J98.8, Other specified respiratory disorders, with code B97.29, Other coronavirus as the cause of diseases classified elsewhere.

ARDS
Acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) may develop in with the COVID-19, according to the Interim Clinical Guidance for Management of Patients with Confirmed 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Infection.
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/clinical-guidance-management-patients.html>
Cases with ARDS due to COVID-19 should be assigned the codes J80, Acute respiratory distress syndrome, and B97.29, Other coronavirus as the cause of diseases classified elsewhere.

Exposure to COVID-19
For cases where there is a concern about a possible exposure to COVID-19, but this is ruled out after evaluation, it would be appropriate to assign the code Z03.818, Encounter for observation for suspected exposure to other biological agents ruled out.
For cases where there is an actual exposure to someone who is confirmed to have COVID-19, it would be appropriate to assign the code Z20.828, Contact with and (suspected) exposure to other viral communicable diseases. Reference: COVID-10 clinical presentation: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/clinical-criteria.html>

References

CMS Center for Clinical Standards and Quality (Quality, Safety and Oversight Group) Emergency Use of the CDC 2019-Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Real Time RT-PCR Diagnostic Panel:

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-10-clia.pdf>

CMS Coverage and Benefits Related to COVID-19 Medicaid and CHIP:

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/03052020-medicaid-covid-19-fact-sheet.pdf>

CMS Coverage and Payment Related to COVID-19 Medicare:

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/03052020-medicare-covid-19-fact-sheet.pdf>

CMS Agency Issues Fact Sheets Detailing Coverage under Programs- CMS Develops Additional Code for Coronavirus Lab Tests

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cms-develops-additional-code-coronavirus-lab-tests>

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