



## COVID-19 and Information Standards

### SNAP update

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#### **Purpose of this update:**

This update is to provide a current summary of activity relating to COVID-19 in relation to products and services under the remit of the Terminology and Classifications Service within NHS Digital.

#### **Flowing Covid-19 Self-Reported Lateral Flow Device test results to GP records**

From Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January confirmatory PCR tests will no longer be required following a positive lateral flow test result. Please refer to the [latest Government guidance](#)

Previously only assisted positive lateral flow test results have flowed to GP records.

The additional results records will be sent via Keystone, who will undertake PMIP messaging formatting to enable the record to be directly loaded into GP records within GP practice systems.

**GPs will not be required to take any action for these results** – including reporting these to UKHSA – as is currently the case for other Covid-19 testing results.

These test results can be identified as follows:

Reportable Item	Result Value	Standardised Description	SNOMED CT Concept ID	SNOMED CT Preferred Term
SARS-CoV-2 antigen	Positive	SARS-CoV-2-ANGY	1322781000000102	SARS-CoV-2 (severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2) antigen detection result positive

Due to the technical changes required it will not initially be possible to differentiate between an assisted lateral flow test result (usually taken at an asymptomatic test centre with results reported by an operative) from lateral flow test results self-reported by the subject. A note will be added against the results as soon as this is feasible which will be communicated in a further update. Until this change is made all positive lateral flow tests results in GP records from 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022 should be considered to be self-reported results.

n.b. PCR testing will continue for people with symptoms, for those requiring Test and Trace support payments, requiring PCRs for research or surveillance studies or those most at risk of becoming seriously ill from Covid-19 who would benefit from urgent therapeutics treatment.

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