



COVID-19 and Information Standards

SNAP update

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 Pillar 1 test results to GP records

From 30 May 2022, Pillar 1 COVID-19 test results will start to flow into EMIS and Vision GP practice records. Shortly afterwards, historic results since July 2021 will be sent to ensure completeness of medical records.

Pillar 1 test results are from COVID-19 testing undertaken in hospitals (staff and patients) in England. For patients this would be for either emergency or elective care admissions.

These results are reported by NHS labs to UK HSA via Second Generation Surveillance System (SGSS) for mandatory notifiable disease reporting purposes. Further information on SGSS can be found [here](#).

Pillar 1 results may contain some lateral flow tests where it cannot be determined if they are assisted or self-reported, however they have been reported by hospitals so are included in this new flow to GP records.

Please note that in a few cases GP records may have already been updated with Pillar 1 test results via a different mechanism e.g., directly from the laboratory or as part of a hospital discharge summary.

These new test results are in addition to Pillar 2 Antigen (PCR and Assisted LFD), Pillar 3 Antibody test results, which have flowed to GP records since June 2020 and October 2020 respectively, and Pillar 2 Self Report LFD positive results which flowed in January 2022.

For Pillar 1 PCR all results, positive, negative, and void will be sent. For Lateral Flow Tests only positive results will be included. These can be identified by SNOMED CT terms shown in following table:

SNOMED CT Term	Standardised Description (for Keystone)	Lab Output Result	Notes
For RNA Detection: PCR, LamPORE, LAMP*			
SARS-CoV-2 (severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2) RNA (ribonucleic acid) detection result positive	SARS-CoV-2-ORGY	Positive	
SARS-CoV-2 (severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2) RNA (ribonucleic acid) detection result negative	SARS-CoV-2-ORGN	Negative	
SARS-CoV-2 (severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2) RNA (ribonucleic acid) detection result unknown	SARS-CoV-2-ORGU	Unknown/void	Requires retest – No further action is required from GP
For Antigen Detection: Lateral Flow Test			
SARS-CoV-2 (severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2) antigen detection result positive	SARS-CoV-2-ANGY	Positive	

A standard note will be added to Pillar 1 result messages that flow to GP records to advise GPs that no action is required for these results.

The content of the note is:

'These results do not need to be reported to Public Health England as part of notifiable disease reporting'

An additional note for ALL Pillar 1 test types (except PCR tests) results will also be included which provides details of what test type was used e.g., "Pillar 1 Oxford Nanopore LamPORE Test".

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