



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 history of Pillar 1 results to GP records and commencement of live Pillar 1 results to TPP

From November 2022, a history of Pillar 1 Covid-19 test results will be sent to EMIS and Vision GP practice records. This follows the implementation of Pillar 1 live results being sent in August 2022 and include the historic results from between July 2021 and the commencement of the live flow. These are being sent to ensure completeness of medical records.

Additionally, from 21 November 2022, any newly reported Pillar 1 Covid-19 test results will start to flow into TPP GP practice's patient's 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.

Following a review by the Joint GP IT Committee (JGPITC) only positive Pillar 1 PCR and LFT results will be sent in the history files to EMIS and Vision GPs.

For live flowing of Pillar 1 results to TPP practices these will have PCR positive, negatives, voids and positive only LFT results.

These can all 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 GP's 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 it was used e.g., "Pillar 1 Oxford Nanopore LamPORE Test".

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