



COVID-19 New Demographic Requirements

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Dear Valued Clients,

On June 4, 2020, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) published new requirements for patient data collection and reporting for COVID-19 test results.

The following data are required to be collected by all laboratories performing COVID-19 testing:

- Full Name
- Date of Birth
- Gender
- **Race**
- **Ethnicity**
- **Address including zip code**

In addition, the following questions need to be answered at the time of test ordering:

1. First Test Yes | No | Unknown
2. Employed in healthcare? Yes | No | Unknown
3. Symptomatic as defined by CDC? Yes | No | Unknown
 - a. If yes, then Date of Symptom Onset mm/dd/yy
4. Hospitalized? Yes | No | Unknown
5. ICU? Yes | No | Unknown
6. Resident in congregate care setting? (including nursing homes, residential care for people with intellectual and development disabilities, psychiatric treatment facilities, group homes, board and care homes, homeless shelter, foster care or other settings) Yes | No | Unknown
7. Pregnant? Yes | No | Unknown

These new reporting requirements are intended to enhance the ability to monitor disease prevalence and trends by initiating epidemiologic case investigations, and assisting with contact tracing. The new guidance standardizes reporting for public health officials and provides them access to comprehensive and real-time data in their response to COVID-19.

Clinical Pathology Laboratories (CPL) has modified its paper and electronic COVID-19 test requisitions to comply with these requirements. If you use an EMR to order COVID-19 tests, we will be contacting your office to update the electronic interface to accommodate these requirements. If your EMR has any of these demographics, speak with your Account Representative and/or EMR vendor to ensure that these demographics are being sent. We deeply appreciate your support and cooperation to complete this important effort.

The use of CPL-provided requisitions or patient history forms will expedite collection of data for clients who are unable to provide the data via AOE's or electronic interfaces. Reporting of these new data elements should begin immediately and we appreciate your assistance in providing this new information with all COVID-19 laboratory orders.

The deadline to comply with these new requirements is August 1, 2020.

Additional Frequently Asked Questions:

www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/laboratory-data-reporting-for-covid-19-testing-faqs.pdf

Complete Report requirement List Available at the link below:

www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/covid-19-laboratory-data-reporting-guidance.pdf

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