



COVID-19

Information for Health Departments on Reporting Cases of COVID-19

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Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) is a disease caused by the newly emerged coronavirus SARS-CoV-2. COVID-19 is a nationally notifiable disease and reporting cases to CDC is supported by routine case notification through the National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System (NNDSS), as well as resources provided through the CDC COVID-19 response.

Reporting COVID-19 Cases to CDC

Please note: COVID-19 case reporting forms and templates are intended for use by health departments. Individuals or organizations with questions about reporting a case should contact their local health department.






The COVID-19 [worksheet](#)  [201 KB, 6 pages] collects key information on COVID-19 case-patients, including:

- Demographic, clinical, and epidemiologic characteristics
- Exposure and contact history
- Course of clinical illness and care received


The COVID-19 worksheet standardizes the reporting of information on COVID-19 cases from jurisdictional health departments to CDC. These data will help us:

- Inform public health response to prevent further spread of SARS-CoV-2
- Better understand the virus and its impact on health outcomes

Resources to support jurisdictional health departments submit COVID-19 case data to CDC:

- [COVID-19 CSV reporting template](#)  [4KB – CSV]
- [COVID-19 worksheet, annotated with CSV template variables](#)  [201 KB, 6 pages]
- [COVID-19 case reporting instructions](#)  [PDF – 368 KB]
- [COVID-19 case reporting data dictionary](#)  [PDF – 266 KB]
- [COVID-19 CSV submission instructions](#)  [PDF – 217 KB]
- [National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System \(NNDSS\) formats](#), including the Generic v2.0 Message Mapping Guide (MMG) and COVID-19 Message Mapping Guide (MMG)

Please note that the worksheet, instructions, and data dictionary were updated on November 22, 2021

Archive: [Case Report Form](#)  [201 KB, 2 pages], May 2020 (Note: this Case Report Form does not include vaccine history data). Jurisdictions may continue to use the Case Report Form as needed.

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