

ICD-10-CM Coding Guidelines for Encounters Related to 2019 Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

Based on CDC Guidance (effective February 20, 2020): <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/icd/ICD-10-CM-Official-Coding-Guidance-Interim-Advice-coronavirus-feb-20-2020.pdf>

Confirmed Case of COVID-19:

- Assign ICD-10 code **B97.29, Other coronavirus as the cause of diseases classified elsewhere**
- **AND** assign **ICD-10 code for the respiratory disease** confirmed as due to COVID-19:
 - Pneumonia: J12.89, Other viral pneumonia
 - Bronchitis:
 - Acute Bronchitis: J20.8, Acute bronchitis due to other specified organisms
 - Bronchitis, not otherwise specified (NOS): J40, Bronchitis, not specified as acute or chronic
 - Lower Respiratory Infection:
 - Lower respiratory infection, NOS: J22, Unspecified acute lower respiratory infection
 - Acute respiratory infection, NOS: J22, Unspecified acute lower respiratory infection
 - Respiratory infection, NOS: J98.8, Other specified respiratory disorders
 - Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS): J80, Acute respiratory distress syndrome

Suspected/Possible/Probable (with no COVID-19 Confirmed Diagnosis):

- Assign ICD-10 codes for each of the presenting signs and symptoms, such as:
 - Cough: R05, Cough
 - Shortness of Breath: R06.02, Shortness of breath
 - Fever: R50.9, Fever, unspecified

Exposure to COVID-19:

- Assign ICD-10 code for the exposure type (suspected or ruled out):
 - Exposure to someone who is confirmed to have COVID-19: Z20.828, Contact with and (suspected) exposure to other viral communicable diseases
 - Concern about possible exposure, but this is ruled out after evaluation: Z03.818, Encounter for observation for suspected exposure to other biological agents ruled out

Note: DO NOT assign ICD-10 code B34.2, Coronavirus infection, unspecified. COVID-19 cases have universally been respiratory in nature, so the site is not "unspecified."

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