

## Introduction

The purpose of this COVID-19 Tip Sheet is to share the CDC's ICD-10-CM coding guidance for encounters related to the 2019 novel coronavirus ("COVID-19"). This guidance is to be used in conjunction with the current ICD-10-CM guidelines and is valid beginning April 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020.

- U07.1 – COVID-19

## General ICD-10-CM Coding Guidance

### Code Only Confirmed Cases

1. ICD-10-CM code U07.1 should only be assigned to patient's that have documentation of a positive COVID-19 test result, or a presumptive positive COVID-19 test result.
2. If documentation states "suspected", "possible", "probable", or "inconclusive" COVID-19, it is suggested to not assign code U07.1.
  - a. In these cases, the ICD-10-CM code assigned will be the signs or symptoms that are documented as the reason for the visit.
3. Assign ICD-10-CM code Z20.828 for patient's that are documented as having been in contact with or have suspected exposure to COVID-19.
4. When screening patient's without signs/symptoms or known exposure to COVID-19, assign ICD-10-CM Z11.59, screening for other viral diseases.
5. U07.1 may be assigned as the first listed or primary or principal diagnosis for the visit.

## ICD-10-CM Coding for Acute Respiratory Illness Due to COVID-19

### Pneumonia due to COVID-19

- U07.1
- J12.89 – Other Viral Pneumonia

### Acute Bronchitis

- U07.1
- J20.8 – Acute Bronchitis Due to Other Specified Organism; or,
- J40 – Bronchitis, Not Specified as Acute or Chronic

### Lower Respiratory Infection

- U07.1
- J22 – Unspecified Acute Lower Respiratory Infection; or,
- J98.8 – Other Specified Respiratory Disorder (When Documentation Does Not Specify Acute or Other Type of Respiratory Infection)

### Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome

- U07.1
- J80 – Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome

Please note, this COVID-19 Tip Sheet is for informational purposes only, is general in nature, and is not intended to and should not be relied upon or construed as a specific billing and coding guidance for any specific patient encounter or circumstance.