



# SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) TESTING Patient Data Collection Requirement July 25, 2020

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:

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| 1. First COVID-19 Test?   | Yes   No   Unknown |
| 2. Employed in healthcare?  | Yes   No   Unknown |
| 3. Symptomatic as defined by CDC?<br>If YES, the Date of Symptom Onset (mm/dd/yy)   | Yes   No   Unknown |
| 4. Hospitalized for COVID-19?   | Yes   No   Unknown |
| 5. ICU for COVID-19?  | Yes   No   Unknown |
| 6. Resident in congregate care setting?<br><i>(including nursing homes, residential care for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, psychiatric treatment facilities, group homes, board and care homes, homeless shelter, foster care or other settings)</i> | 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 Labs of Hawaii 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. We deeply appreciate your support and cooperation to complete this important effort.

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:

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

Complete Report requirement List Available at the link below:

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

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