

COVID-19 Documentation and Coding Tips: 2021 Update

For discharges occurring **after 4-1-2020** to report COVID-19, use code: **U07.1 - COVID-19**

- **Excludes1** B34.2 - Coronavirus infection, unspecified site

Also document and link the manifestations of the disease (if clinically relevant):

- with Pneumonia: add J12.82 - Pneumonia due to coronavirus disease 2019
- with Bronchitis: add J20.8 - Acute Bronchitis due to other specified organisms
- with ARDS: add J80 - Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome
- with Sepsis: add A41.89 - Viral Sepsis
- with Septic Shock: add R65.21 - Severe Sepsis with Septic Shock
- with Acute Respiratory Failure: add J96.00 - Acute Respiratory Failure, unspecified
- with Acute Kidney Injury: add N17.9 - Acute Kidney Failure, unspecified
- with Type 2 MI: add I21.A1 - Myocardial Infarction Type 2

For patients discharged prior to testing results, we recommend documenting ***suspected COVID-19***. A query can clarify if testing results after discharge.

<https://journal.ahima.org/ahima-and-aha-faq-on-icd-10-cm-coding-for-covid-19/>