COVID-19 Response in HMIS Guide

Use this guide to record critical information about COVID-19's impact on your clients, spread through our system, and support you need.

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Objectives: To understand total count of clients with COVID-19 symptoms (fever, new or worsening cough, shortness of breath), in isolation, in quarantine, in hospitals, and in recovery in our system and the dates for each event.

Who: All current and new clients *with* symptoms for COVID-19. Don't worry if clients have not been tested. CDC and HUD guidance is to not wait – we do not want to undercount! All projects should screen new and current clients for symptoms. COVID-19 does not discriminate between project or household types. As you initiate screening to evaluate client needs, integrate data entry procedures for clients with symptoms.

How to enter data: Client Profile tab, beneath the additional Race options.

- Add ***Yes*** for "Symptoms consistent with COVID-19" if appropriate. Leave blank if ***No*** symptoms.
- Add client reported ***Date*** for "date symptoms started:" for ALL with symptoms. If the client is unsure or can't remember, enter today's date.
- Add ***Date*** for "isolation date:" if appropriate. Isolation is used to separate sick people from healthy people.
- Add ***Date*** for "quarantine date:" if appropriate. Quarantine is used to keep someone who might have been exposed to COVID-19 away from others. Leave blank if Not Applicable or Unknown.
- Add ***Date*** for "hospitalized date:" if due to COVID-19 symptoms. Leave blank if Not Applicable or Unknown.
- Only add ***Positive*** or ***Negative*** for "test result" if a result is known. Leave blank if Not Applicable or Unknown.
- Add ***Date*** for "when tested" when clients report being tested. Leave blank if Not Applicable or Unknown.
- Add ***Date*** for "results provided" when it was available to the client. Leave blank if Not Applicable or Unknown.
- Add ***Currently symptomatic, No longer symptomatic, Recovery, or Deceased*** for "current symptomatic disposition" as the client's status changes. Leave blank if Not Applicable or Unknown.
- Add ***Date*** for "symptomatic disposition date" when the client's disposition changes. Do not change the date unless the disposition response has changed. Leave blank if Not Applicable or Unknown.