Early submission of Case Mix Programme (CMP) data on patients with confirmed or suspected COVID-19

Frequently asked questions

Who to include?

Should we notify the CMP team of patients undergoing mandatory testing, but not otherwise suspected of having COVID-19?

- No; please only notify us of cases that are clinically suspected of having COVID-19 and isolated in a bed within your unit

Should we notify the CMP team of patients previously suspected of having COVID-19, but who have since tested negative?

- No; please only notify us of those either currently confirmed or suspected of having COVID-19

Should we submit early data for confirmed COVID-19 patients admitted to our unit for isolation only when they are not critically ill?

- Yes; please notify us and submit all confirmed COVID-19 cases admitted to a bed within your unit, regardless of whether they are critically ill

Should we submit data for confirmed COVID-19 patients managed by the critical care team in expanded critical care areas (surge capacity)?

- Yes; please:
  - notify us of your unit/hospital plan for surge capacity;
  - notify us when the plan comes into action; and
  - include these patients in both notification/early submission of COVID-19 cases (where applicable) and in your full CMP data submission.

When to submit?

If we have cases at the weekend should we submit these ASAP rather than wait until Monday?

- Yes; please send the data ASAP after the first 24 hours/after a positive test result
The paper notes are in the isolation cubicle with the patient; should we submit the case early without the data from the notes?

- Yes; although the Department of Health and Social Care (and ICNARC) would be very grateful if any solution can be found to obtain these important data.

**Updating after test results**

Where notification has been made of suspected cases; should we update you once the results are received?

- Yes; please let us know, by telephone or email, whether the patient is COVID-19 positive or negative ASAP after you have the results.
  - Where **positive**, please record the “Pandemic influenza, confirmed” code in the Ultimate primary reason for admission and submit the data.

A patient who has previously tested positive has later proven to be false positive; should we update you?

- Yes; please let us know, by telephone or email, and amend the reason for admission to no longer use the “Pandemic influenza, confirmed” code.