

COVID 19 Diagnosis Coding

The AMA has recently posted the ICD-10-CM Coding Guidelines to reflect new codes that went into effect during the Pandemic. Per the guidelines: "Screening **for COVID-19 DURING the COVID-19 pandemic, a screening code is generally not appropriate. Do not assign code Z11.52, Encounter for screening for COVID-19.**" Here is a table to help with coding when testing for COVID-19 by PCR for viral genetic material.

Scenario	ICD-10 Code
Asymptomatic with actual or suspected exposure to COVID-19 (Assume everyone has been exposed during the pandemic)	Z20.822 DO NOT ASSIGN Z11.52
Screening for COVID 19 <u>During</u> the Pandemic including <u>preoperative</u> testing	Z20.822 If for Pre-op include Z01.812 AND the dx for the signs/symptoms for why the procedure is to be performed.
Symptomatic individuals (infection has either been ruled out, or test results are unknown)	Z20.822 AND signs/symptoms Ex. Cough (R05) , Fever (R50.9)
Personal Hx of of COVID-19	Z86.16

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