

MEMO

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To: All Public Health Directors, Managers, and all PHIMS Communicable Disease Investigation (CDI) Users

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Re: **PHIMS – COVID Documentation Changes**

On Thursday, January 14th, the COVID Investigation Quick Entry in PHIMS and the supporting presets for COVID-19 investigations were changed. This was done to more closely align with the MHSAL COVID Case Forms (which have also been updated), and to reduce and streamline data entry and information viewing as much as possible. The Quick Entry screen and preset changes reflect values that are required for reporting, are entered regularly, or both.

The following changes have been made:

- The Sensitive Environment/Occupation dropdown has 2 values ADDED:
 - Education (student)
 - Education (work/volunteer)
- Signs and Symptoms Presets have the following values ADDED:
 - Conjunctivitis
 - Difficulty feeding
 - Fatigue, lethargy
 - Loss of appetite
 - Loss of smell (anosmia)
 - Loss of taste (ageusia)
 - Rash, unspecified
 - Runny nose
- Signs and Symptoms Presets have the following values REMOVED:
 - Abdominal pain/cramping
 - Encephalitis

- Renal failure
- Seizures
- Risk Factors Presets have the following values REMOVED:
 - Animal or animal waste contact
 - Contact with someone with a similar illness
 - Sensitive environment/occupation
- Interventions Presets have the following value ADDED:
 - Education/counselling – as per disease protocol
- Interventions Presets have the following values REMOVED:
 - Status Assessment – home isolation
 - Status Assessment - fatal

The Investigation Quick Entry screen will also have Immunization Information (the Summary and Immunizations History Interpretation) related to COVID-19 immunization:

Immunization Summary					
For full information and features: Client Imms Profile					
Antigen ^	No. of Valid Doses ⇅	Agent (Date Administered) ⇅	Eligible Date ⇅	Overdue Date ⇅	Forecasted Status ⇅
SARS-CoV-2 antigen	1	COVID19-Pfizer (2021 Jan 11)	2021 Jan 30	2021 Feb 08	Up To Date

Immunization History Interpretation					
For full information and features: Imms History Interpretation					
<input type="button" value="Reset Interpretations"/> <input type="button" value="Add Row"/>					
Pertinent to Investigation ▼	Interpretation Date ▼	Disease ⇅	Interpretation of Disease Immunity ⇅	Reason ⇅	Vaccine ⇅
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2021 Jan 13	COVID-19	Partially immunized	Health record/healthcare provider	COVID19-Pfizer

To learn more about the use of the Immunization History Interpretation, please see the QRC:

<https://phimsmb.ca/document/103/7-0-investigations/1738/7-11-add-immunization-history-interpretation-2.pdf>

For the updates Forms and User Guides, please see the Manitoba Health website:

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/surveillance/forms.html>

https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/surveillance/docs/mhsu_6683.pdf

https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/surveillance/docs/mhsu_6683 Ug.pdf

COVID Call Centres and Investigation Disposition Reminders/Updates:

Summary of How to Assign Work to Partner Organizations:

Responsibility	Workgroup	Investigation Disposition (how to refer)
Active Monitoring	N/A	Follow-up performed by call centre
Contact Notification	N/A	Follow-up performed by Statistics Canada

Responsibility	Secondary Resp Inv Org & Workgroup	Investigation Disposition (how to refer)
Secondary Case Investigators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manitoba/MB Health VCC Case Investigators or CRC Case Investigators 	Follow-up performed by Partner Case Investigator
Contact Identification (CID)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transmission Event (TE) Resp Org Unit – Manitoba/MB Health 	Within a case TE the Unknown Contact Disposition – Pending referral out of region

Investigation Dispositions are used to mark the progression of an investigation, including referring on to partner organizations (as above) and within the Public Health region.

Investigations can Dispositions can be post-dated, and the Investigation History hyperlink on the top right of Investigation Information allows users to view the history of disposition changes.

Here, as a reminder, is a list of dispositions and definitions commonly used.

Investigation Disposition	Definition
Concurrent contact investigation	Client more than one open contact investigation. Contact investigation should be closed with this disposition..
Contact turned case	Client has become a case. Contact investigation should be closed with this disposition, and a new case investigation created.
Declined follow up - no further follow up	Client has declined public health contact.
Follow up complete	Investigation completed as per provincial protocol; this disposition to be assigned when investigation is closed.

Follow up in progress	Investigation is underway and a public health investigator has been assigned.
Follow up performed by 24/7 Intouch (call center use only)	Investigation has been assigned by the call center to 24/7 Intouch for active monitoring.
Follow up performed by AM Statistics Canada (call center use only)	Investigation has been assigned by the call center to Statistics Canada for active monitoring.
Follow up performed by Canadian Red Cross (call center use only)	Investigation has been assigned by the call center to Canadian Red Cross for active monitoring.
Follow up performed by region	Investigation is underway and a public health investigator has been assigned.
Hold for treatment completion	Used when client is admitted to hospital due to COVID-19.
Pending	Default disposition assigned by MHSU when case created. Follow up has not yet started.
Pending - referral out of region	Client has moved to another jurisdiction, referral to other organization is in progress.
Pending – referred back to region for follow up	Used by VCC staff and/or regions when staff member determines that a client needs to be followed by the primary responsible investigator org.
Pending referred to partner investigator	Case is assigned to partner investigator.
Previously infected/ treated/ immunized - no further follow up	Previous case, or previously infected contact that has been adequately investigated in the past, no further follow up needed for this investigation episode.
Referred to external jurisdiction (for MHSU use only)	Client has moved out of province. Referral to external jurisdiction has occurred. MHSU assigns this disposition once the referral is completed.
Unable to complete	Investigation initiated but could not be completed due to inability to locate client or information required to complete investigation.
Unable to locate	Unable to locate client to initiate investigation.