

ICPC-2 PLUS UPDATE FOR COVID-19

In March 2020, an out-of-cycle ICPC-2 PLUS release incorporating new terms for COVID-19 was sent to EHR vendors using ICPC-2 PLUS (including Communicare, Genie, Medtech, StatHealth and Zedmed) and made available to their end users.

Two new terms were added in April 2022 (highlighted in bold in the table below) to allow the capture of various aspects of the COVID-19 outbreak in electronic health records.

ICPC-2 PLUS code	Term description
R83015	COVID-19
A23026	At risk;COVID-19
R29021	COVID-19;suspected
R27003	Concern (about);COVID-19
A67031	Referral;fever clinic
R33013	Test;swab;COVID-19
R33014	Test;COVID-19 serology
R33016	Test;rapid antigen (COVID-19)
R33017	Test;PCR (COVID-19)
R45005	Advice/education;COVID-19

Each of these terms can also be found using part or all of the keywords 'CORONAVIRU' or 'COVID19' (please remember that ICPC-2 PLUS keywords are restricted to 10 characters).

Other ICPC-2 PLUS terms that may be relevant to the COVID-19 pandemic include:

ICPC-2 PLUS code	Term description
A45035	Advice/education;isolate
A45026	Advice/education;hygiene

The ICPC-2 PLUS team will continue to monitor developments relating to COVID-19 and will schedule another out-of-cycle update if needed. The next scheduled ICPC-2 PLUS release is due on 8th September 2022.