

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
A23026	At risk;COVID-19
A67031	Referral;fever clinic
A99029	Post-COVID-19 syndrome
R27003	Concern (about);COVID-19
R29021	COVID-19;suspected
R33013	Test;swab;COVID-19
R33014	Test;COVID-19 serology
R33016	Test;rapid antigen (COVID-19)
R33017	Test;PCR (COVID-19)
R44020	Immunisation;COVID-19
R45005	Advice/education;COVID-19
R83015	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
A45026	Advice/education;hygiene
A45035	Advice/education;isolate

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 9th March 2023.