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CODING GUIDANCE FOR ENCOUNTERS RELATED TO COVID-19*

COVID PCR Testing:

CORONAVIRUS SARS-CoV-2 BY PCR

- Z20.828
 - Use for asymptomatic patient with confirmed or suspected exposure
 - For **symptomatic** patient, code symptom(s) first (such as R05=cough, R50.9=fever, R06.02=shortness of breath) and Z20.828 second
 - For **preprocedural** screening, code Z01.812 first and Z20.828 second
- Z09 and Z86.19
 - Use for asymptomatic patient who previously had COVID-19 and is being seen for a follow-up exam (applies to both the swab test and antibody test as below)
- Z11.59 (DO NOT USE)
 - This screening code for 'other' viral disease IS NOT APPROPRIATE due to the pandemic/mass community exposure and prevalence of the specific virus.

COVID Antibody Testing:

ANTIBODY TO CORONAVIRUS SARS-COV-2, IGG, CIA

- Z01.84
 - Use for asymptomatic patient when antibody testing is not being performed to confirm a current COVID-19 infection
- Z09 and Z86.19
 - Use for asymptomatic patient who previously had COVID-19 and is being seen for a follow-up exam (applies to both the antibody test and swab test as above)
- Z11.59 (DO NOT USE)
 - This screening code for 'other' viral disease IS NOT APPROPRIATE due to the pandemic/mass community exposure and prevalence of the specific virus.
- For patients with Oregon Medicaid (DMAP & OHP plans), Washington Medicaid and Cigna health plans
 - The antibody testing is **NOT COVERED**, except for rare inpatient pediatric services only.

*For more information, here are the associated links:

- <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/icd/10cmguidelines-FY2021.pdf>
- https://www.codingclinicadvisor.com/sites/default/files/Frequently%20Asked%20Questions%20Regarding%20COVID-19_v12.pdf

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