



Laboratory Bulletin

COVID Testing CARES ACT Requirement

Dear Biotech Health Care Provider,

Clinical Laboratories are required to report every test performed to detect SARS-CoV-2 or diagnose a possible case of COVID-19 (e.g., viral, serology). The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has issued NEW reporting requirements as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. This bulletin provides the steps that you will need to take to provide reportable data.

HHS has mandated that anyone who orders a COVID-19 test, collects a specimen, or performs a laboratory test must make every reasonable effort to collect complete demographic information and must include these data when ordering a laboratory test to enable the entities that perform the test to report the data to state and jurisdictional health departments.

If you order in your commercial EMR, you will also need to submit the COVID data reporting sheet provided by the laboratory until your EMR has been updated to include these questions.

The COVID Data Requirements questions follow on page 2